



June 6, 2023

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
474 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, New York

6:00 PM

7:00 P.M. – P.H. – Ordinance to Prohibit
Possession of Firearm in Public Place
P.H. – Open Space Plan

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES

PRESENTATION

1. Temporary, Low-Barrier, 24-Hour Shelter
2. Reconnecting the West Side Study

CONSENT AGENDA

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2. Approval of 5/16/2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of 5/1/2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
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6. Approve Mid-Warrant 2023, 23MWMAY3 \$89,337.36
7. Approve Warrant 2023, 23JUN1 \$2,015,598.70
8. Approve Payroll 05/19/2023 \$719,077.70
9. Approve Payroll 05/26/2023 \$460,295.91
10. Approve Payroll 06/02/2023 \$714,886.96
11. Approve Budget Transfers - Regular
12. Approve Budget Transfers - Revenue
13. Approve Budget Amendments - Regular

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

1. Presentation: Home Made Theater – Sound of Music Cast
2. Announcement: Appointments to the Restorative Justice Panel
3. Proclamation: June 2nd is National Gun Violence Awareness Day
4. Proclamation: Retirement of Tina Potter, Saratoga County Commissioner of Social Services
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13. Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay Fee to Dept. of Treasury/IRS for Excise Tax for Health Insurance
14. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Transportation Agreement with Saratoga County
15. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Nutrition Agreement with Saratoga county
16. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Baseball Camp Co-Sponsor Agreement with Saratoga American Legion/Stampede
17. Discussion and Vote: Accept \$2,352.00 Donation from WGY Christmas Wish
18. Discussion and Vote: Accept \$400.00 Donation from the Saratoga Springs Friends of Recreation Fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
19. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Quit Claim Deed to Replace 1958 Tax Deed 33 Caroline Street
20. Discussion and Vote: Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Sign Documents Relating to Opioid Litigations

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

1. Award of Bid: Station 3 Kitchen Equipment to Gerharz Equipment
2. Award of Bid: Copper Sulfate to Thornton, Musso, and Bellemin, Inc.
3. Award of Bid: Snow Plow Cutting Edges to Chemung Supply Company
4. Award of Bid: Polyaluminum Chloride to Holland Chemical
5. Award of Bid: Extension of Bid for HVAC Services to BPI Mechanical
6. Announcement: Update on Outdoor Dining
7. Announcement: Primary Voting
8. Announcement: Grievance Day Update
9. Announcement: Business Milestones
10. Announcement: Special Events

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

1. Announcement: Update on City Finances
2. Announcement: Participatory Budgeting Accepting Project Proposals Through July 1, 2023
3. Discussion: Standard & Poor's Report
4. Discussion and Vote: 2023 City Fees Update – Department of Public Works
5. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll & Benefits
6. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Contingency
7. Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Payroll & Benefits
8. Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Fund Balance

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Announcement: Status of Hathorn Spring
2. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Holland Co. for Polyaluminum Chloride
3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Chemung Supply Corp. for Snow Plow Parts
4. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Contract with BPI Mechanical for HVAC Services
5. Discussion and Vote: Approval to Adopt Department of Public Works Contractual Template for Flat Rock Park
6. Announcement: Access E-11 Launch

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

1. Discussion and Vote: Request Approval of CSEA City Hall Unit Employee to Use Sick Bank
2. Set Public Hearing: Amend Chapter 225, Article IX, Section 225-87 of the Code of the City of Saratoga Springs, NY Entitled "Vehicle and Traffic – Schedule XXII: Time Limit Parking"
3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Live Nation Worldwide, Inc.
4. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Change Order #22 to Hueber Breuer for Fire Station 3
5. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Contract with Gerharz Equipment, Inc. for Fire Station 3
6. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Adirondack Cabling & Security for Fire Station 3
7. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Community Emergency Corps. Inc.
8. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Wilton Emergency Squad
9. Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay Invoice to CHA Consulting, Inc. for Fire Station 3
10. Discussion and Vote: Create a New Section 115-2.3 of Chapter 115 of the Code of the City of Saratoga Springs, NY Entitled "Intoxication of Impairment by Alcohol or Drugs in a Public Place When in Possession of a Firearm Prohibited"
11. Announcement: SSPD Policy Directive Relating to Fingerprinting of Defendants Who were Served with Summonses
12. Announcement: SSPD Policy Change Regarding Issuance of No-Knock Search Warrants

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

1. Saratoga County Airport Terminal Update

Tara Gaston

1. Public Forum

ADJOURN



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PRESENT: Ron Kim, Mayor
Minita Sanghvi, Commissioner of Finance
Dillon Moran, Commissioner of Accounts
Jason Golub, Commissioner of Department of Public Works
Jim Montagnino, Commissioner of Department of Public Safety

STAFF PRESENT: Angela Rella, Deputy Mayor
Heather Crocker, Deputy Commissioner of Finance
Stacy Connors, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts
Joe O'Neill, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works

Tara Gaston, Supervisor

EXCUSED: Jason Tetu, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Matthew Veitch, Supervisor

RECORDING OF PROCEEDING

The proceedings of this meeting were taped for the benefit of the secretary. Because the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kim called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to approve the consent agenda as attached.

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Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

PRESENTATIONS

Temporary, Low-Barrier, 24-Hour Shelter

Sybil Newell, executive director of RISE presented. The Homeless Task Force is working on a permanent location for the homeless. Until then, RISE is proposing using the current Code Blue location as a temporary location. This location came about between RISE and Sonny & Julie Bonacio. RISE has received donations from businesses for supplies, bedding, toiletries, and meals. The program needs the community to come together to be successful. The location is 4 Adelphi Street, which has air conditioning, laundry, and fencing. RISE owns privacy dividers that can be used at the shelter for the residents of 25 – 30 beds. Breakfast and dinners will be provide; however, they would work toward obtaining lunches for the residents.

They are trying to provide a safe, welcoming, non-judgmental environment. This shelter is not intended to replace Code Blue but act as a temporary program until a more permanent solution is reached. RISE has been running residential programs that are staffed 24/7 for the past 45 years.

Sybil stated she is receiving questions about what they intend to do about how people act outside the shelter. She stated they don't own people and cannot tell them what to do. They need volunteers to help at the shelter to fill in gaps, serve meals, and do whatever is needed. They could also use donations and ask the community to spread the word. For more information to donate or volunteer, contact Victoria Furfaro at vfurfaro@riseservices.org or at 518-587-6193.

Reconnecting the West Side Study

Jenn Dunn of the City Planning Department presented. Development in Saratoga is increasing and improvements need to be made to make travel safer. The City's federal and state funding is tied to the New York State Law. The plan is being implemented through stand along projects, integration within ongoing infrastructure management, and education through professional training and outreach. The purpose was to identify the safest pedestrian and bicycling options in a residential area along sections of Grand Avenue, Pine Road, and Kirby Road. Nothing in this report is an engineered design.

A takeaway from the assessment is the conflict between the existing and desired function of the major corridors in the study area. Causes include increased development; connector routes; vehicle speed; driver behavior and seasonal maintenance. Recommendations include filling gaps in the network and reducing speeds – particularly on Grand Avenue. The next step is design work and pilot studies. The plan is on the City's website.

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT (part 1)

Proclamation: Retirement of Tina Potter, Saratoga County Commissioner of Social Services

Mayor Kim read the following proclamation:

A PROCLAMATION OF
THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, Saratoga County workers have played a large part in the development of our County, our City, and its residents. Their hard work and dedication are responsible for efficient municipal services in Saratoga County; and
WHEREAS, Tina Potter has worked for the County of Saratoga for over 40 years, serving at the Saratoga County Department of Social Services commencing in 1982; and
WHEREAS, Tina began at Saratoga County DSS in 1982 as a Social Welfare Examiner where she determined eligibility for basic and emergency support program. In 1983 she was appointed as a Caseworker in the Adult and Family Services Unit. In 1986 Tina was promoted to Senior Caseworker. In 1988 Tina was promoted to Grade B Supervisor of the Income Maintenance Unit. In 1991 she was promoted to Director of Services where she had oversight of Child Protective and Preventative Services, Foster Care Services, Adoption Services, and Adult and Family Services; and
WHEREAS, in 1995 Tina was promoted to Deputy Commissioner and served 17 years in that position. As Deputy Commissioner, she spearheaded the department's implementation of the Welfare Reform Act of 1996 requirements resulting in Saratoga County seeing the greatest reduction in welfare dependence across the entire state; and
WHEREAS, on October 26, 2012, Tina Potter was appointed as the first female Commissioner of Saratoga County Department of Social Services; and
WHEREAS, Tina Potter is retiring as Commissioner on June 2, 2023, and her departure necessitates an expression of regret as well as gratitude for her outstanding and exemplary service; and
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Kim, Mayor of the City of Saratoga Springs, am pleased to join with my fellow Saratogians in honoring Tina Potter and extending our very best wishes for success in the years to come. I hereby proclaim June 2, 2023 as
TINA POTTER DAY.

Tina Potter thanked the Council and supervisors for acknowledging her years of service at the County. She was lucky to have been able to serve in a job she loved.

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

Saratoga County Airport Terminal Update

Supervisor Veitch reported the County received a grant from New York State last year in the amount of \$27 million dollars to build a new airport terminal. The project will start this fall. A special Airport Committee was formed and they put forward a plan for a project labor agreement for this initiative. It is estimated that the project labor agreement will save approximately \$500,000 on the project cost. The proposal must go to the Law and Finance Committee and then the full Board of Supervisors.

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT (part 2)

Announcement: Appointments to the Restorative Justice Panel

Mayor Kim announced the appointment of Reverend Heather Williams as co-chair and Camille Daniels as co-chair to the Restorative Justice Panel.

Mayor Kim asked the rest of the Council for their appointments at the next City Council meeting.

Proclamation: June 2nd is National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Mayor Kim read the following proclamation into the record:

A PROCLAMATION OF
THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, this proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Saratoga Springs to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to end this public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 17, 000-gun homicides every year; and
WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and
WHEREAS, in New York 43,375 people die by guns in an average year, with a rate of 13.0 deaths per 100,000 people, a crisis that costs the state 11.4 billion each year, of which 301.2 million is paid by taxpayers. New York has the 4th lowest rate of gun deaths in the US; and
WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and
WHEREAS, cities across the nation, including Saratoga Springs are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and
WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is mayors' highest responsibility; and
WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and
WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers – in partnership with local violence intervention activists and resources – know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned how to keep their citizens safe; and
WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see an increase in firearm homicides, and non-fatal shootings across the country, increased calls to domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;
WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 2, 2023 to recognize the 26th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to –
(1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
(2) The loved ones of those victims; and
WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and
WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 2nd, the first Friday in June 2023, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and
WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 2, 2023 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and
WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of hands of people who should not have access to them, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Ron Kim of the City of Saratoga Springs declares June 2, 2023 , to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all Saratogians to support the communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Announcement: Reappointment of Tad Roemer to the Design Review Board

Mayor Kim announced the re-appointment of Tad Roemer to the Design Review Board.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT (part 1)

Announcement: Update on Outdoor Dining

Commissioner Moran announced the new green barriers for outdoor dining have arrived and have been put in place by the Department of Public Works. He provided pictures (attached) of what the new barriers look like. The bid for the barriers was awarded to the Fort Miller Company.

Commissioner Moran thanked Supervisor Veitch for securing County money for the barriers. The total expenditure for the barricades was approximately \$100,000 with approximately \$33,000 being secure by Supervisor Veitch. The expenditure needs to be borne by the businesses and not the City.

Commissioner Moran advised the City worked with Fort Miller regarding the design of the barriers and planters. People will be able to attach flower boxes to the barriers and put up poles to run lights. A marketing program will be done this summer with the Chamber of Commerce and Discover Saratoga.

Announcement: Primary Voting

Commissioner Moran announced primary day is Tuesday, June 27. Early voting will start on Saturday, June 17 and run through Sunday, June 25. The Recreation Center on Vanderbilt Avenue is an early voting location.

Announcement: Grievance Day Update

Commissioner Moran announced grievance day was held Tuesday, May 23, 2023. It was another successful year with 48 taxpayers grieving their assessment. I would like to thank Camille Daniels, Sheila Sperling, Joe Ribis, Joy King and Jesse Lena for volunteering their time on the Board of Assessment Review.

Announcement: Business Milestones

Commissioner Moran congratulated deJonghe Jewelers on 40 years in business. DeJonghe Jewelers has been chosen to be a member of the American Gem Society and Jewelers of America. Dennis and Peggy deJonghe opened their jewelry store in 1982 on Caroline Street and moved to their current location in 1988, when they outgrew their original space. In the fall of 2013, Dennis and Peggy's son Evan joined the family business.

Announcement: Special Events

Commissioner Moran announced the following special events for June:

- Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Annual Flag Day Parade hosted by the Saratoga – Wilton Elks Lodge.
- Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Grace Fellowship Outreach event for Grace Fellowship Church.
- Sunday, June 11, 2023 – Beekman Street Art Fair with fine art, craft show, street performers, live music, and food trucks.
- Saturday, June 17, 2023 – 2nd Annual Cars on Union car show hosted by the Saratoga Auto Museum.
- Monday, June 19, 2023 – Symbolic two and a half block walk concluding at the Frederick Allen Lodge.
- Sunday, June 25, 2023 – Saratoga Pride Festival celebrating LGBTQ+ Pride at High Rock Park.

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT (part 3)

Presentation: Home Made Theater – Sound of Music Cast

Mayor Kim introduced the cast of the Home Made Theater – Sound of Music. The cast sang Do-Re-Mi.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance to Prohibit Possession of Firearm in Public Place

Mayor Kim opened the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Gordon Boyd of Saratoga Springs stated he commends the City Council for getting focused to put this ordinance in place. In November 2022, the City had visitors from out of town who thought it was acceptable to carry a firearm while under the influence. He believes the Council should take a bifurcated approach – give public notice that the City will aggressively enforce the new state law regarding sensitive locations; and continue the proposed ordinance under active study and consideration so it can add penalties to what the state law provides.

Alice Smith of Saratoga Springs stated the governor is asking many upstate cities to help with the migrant situation. The County of Saratoga will not help. Saratoga Springs is a fairly wealthy community and should do its share to help. The first step is to declare Saratoga Springs a sanctuary city.

Elz Figuereo asked if this is going to turn into a stop and frisk situation like New York City. Who are going to be the targeted people? It was a police officer who endangered lives on the streets of Saratoga Springs. Now rules are being forced on everyone else.

Jeff Gresavage of Saratoga Springs stated there are people in the community in support of the City taking action regarding carrying a firearm while intoxicated.

Whom stated he is for the first and second amendment.

Ruby Ridge of stolen land stated she has heard for year who is or isn't coming for their guns. Commissioner Montagnino is coming for people's guns. BLM just spoke against Commissioner Montagnino coming for people's guns.

Pastor Earl Wallace of Saratoga Springs stated the sixth Commandment states 'Thou shall not murder'. The founding fathers recognized this and gave us the seconded amendment right to defend ourselves from being murdered. Rules should not be made to deal with unusual circumstances that have happened once in 35 years and may not happen again. The US Constitution is the highest law in the land and asks that the Council/community adhere to that as it supersedes any law that a legislative body will make that will violate it.

Commissioner Moran stated the preamble of that document gives the people the ability to pursue life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. God is not involved in this; it was the founding fathers of our country.

Tracey Krosky of Clifton Park stated this is one more way to rule people. This is a policing problem and the people who are going to be the targets are the marginalized communities.

Bill Staiger of Saratoga Springs asked how the Council is going to justify overruling the state law. No one will know if he is carrying a bar if he has a concealed carry.

Chris Mathiesen of Saratoga Springs stated this is a common sense issue and people need to be reminded. Common sense should prevail.

Mayor Kim concluded the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. and kept it open.

Open Space Plan

Mayor Kim opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Kim concluded the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. and kept it open.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kim advised there are new rules to public comment. People have 4 minutes to speak. At that time, the speaker will be asked to stop. He asked all to be kind; not interrupt; and exercise free speech. He also asked the speakers to be factual. The Council members may respond if they choose. He will also hold a public comment period at the end of the City Council meeting.

Mayor Kim opened the public comment period at 7:21 p.m.

Michael Stone, maître de of Siro's stated he understands safety is the reason for changing Lincoln Avenue to a one-way. Many patrons of Siro's have expressed they do not like the time it takes for them to get from Wright Street to the restaurant when they used to be able to just turn of Nelson and the restaurant would be right there. The one-way is inconvenient to the people. He would like to see Lincoln Avenue from Nelson Avenue to Gate 7 turned back into a two-way street. Siro's would have a positive outcome with this change.

Commissioner Moran stated he fully supports that suggestion and has mentioned that to Ms. Tait.

Rose Tait of Saratoga Springs stated she would like to see Commissioner Montagnino bring the change of Lincoln Avenue to a two-way street to the table. There is no reason why it can't be a two-way on her end of the street (Lincoln Avenue).

Susan Sikule, owner of Just Cats Veterinary Clinic, thanked the mayor and County for meeting with her and other members of the South Broadway Neighborhood Community last week regarding the improvement of sanitary sewer access. She looks forward to continued collaboration.

Tim Coll of Saratoga Springs stated the Times Union published an article regarding overriding the psychological tests – bad idea. If a person cannot pass the test, they should not be hired. The police work in a stressful environment and needs to be able to function in that environment.

Chris Mathiesen of Saratoga Springs stated he agrees with everything Tim Coll said. Over the years, a lot of development has happened on Grand Avenue and it became a short cut for people. You never see cars traveling 30 M.P.H. on Grand Avenue.

Elizabeth Rossi of North Broadway stated she is here because she was deeply disturbed by comments made by Commissioner Montagnino. She voted for him as she felt he was going to bring people in this City to a sense of being heard and safe. The comment she is referring to related to him suspecting someone in the room knew something about the statue in Congress Park that was knocked over.

Tracey Krosky of Clifton Park stated Bobby Ford was killed by the gun of a Saratoga Springs police officer in 1995. She is saddened by the choices she was forced to make by being parents of black children. She is haunted by this. The commissioner appointed a police officer who is being sued for the death of Darryl Mount.

James Thompson of Saratoga Springs stated he and his wife moved here a year ago today. He is thrilled to see the City is installing sidewalks on East Avenue. He thanked the City.

Tom Chandler stated he was born in Arbor Hill in 1956 and remembers when everyday people didn't feel they needed to lock their doors in Arbor Hill. No people feel they have to lock their doors because people are bringing drugs up the river from New York City. The idea of reparations has been around since the end of the Civil War. The idea was to be able to own a piece of land, have a good life and opportunity to be successful in life. The way people look at history and deal with each other has changed because values have changed. There are a lot of people here who are trying and putting their lives on the line while trying.

Elz Figuereo of Saratoga Black Lives Matters stated when people didn't lock their doors, there were still robberies, rapes and pastors were raping children in the basement of their churches. People are creating a narrative that Saratoga Springs is a dangerous place, which isn't true. Let's focus on police reform.

Samira Sangare of Saratoga Black Lives Matters stated it has been five weeks since the City Council meeting was shut down and she is still waiting to be arrested. She read the Saratoga Black Lives Matter newsletter regarding the appointment of Tyler McIntosh to chief of police by Commissioner Montagnino. When he was running for this position, he criticized Robin Dalton for appointing an assistant chief of police while the Police Department was under investigation by the Attorney General's Office.

Diogenes of stolen land stated there are a few legitimate reasons to call the use of a screening tool into question. She submitted a proposal (attached) for the City Council.

Jeff Gresavage of Saratoga Springs stated he is a supporter of the national Black Lives Matter but is disappointed with the representation here as they are cutting people off from what they have to say. He wants to support them but they are so disruptive.

Alexus Brown of Saratoga Springs stated Commissioner Montagnino filed disorderly conduct charges against Chandler Hickenbottom and then weeks later filed charges against Lexis Figuereo for speaking at a meeting despite the meeting not being shut down. The community has asked Commissioner Montagnino to

resign and drop the charges. Fellow City Council members have called out his racist and sexist actions. Saratoga Black Lives Matter spoke out against the potential appointee of police chief. Did Commissioner Montagnino pursue Chandler and then Lexis to distract others from the movement while he pushed through his promotion for the next chief? Commissioner Montagnino has proven he shoots first and justifies later. She and Lexis have been sitting in training with black organizers that are coming together across the nation to figure out how to better serve their communities.

Mayor Kim closed the public comment period at 8:13 p.m.

Council took a break at 8:13 p.m.

Council returned at 8:22 p.m.

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT (part 4)

Discussion and Vote: Resolution for Funding Grand Avenue Improvements (23-305)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to approve the resolution as follows:

**A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, one of our city's most appealing features is its accessibility for walking and bicycling. Every day, many of our residents and visitors can be found using sidewalks and bicycle paths to run errands, travel to work or school, or enjoy a pleasant day out. Walking and biking helps our environment and keeps us healthy; and

WHEREAS, this Council is committed to making our city more walkable and safer for our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to take action implementing the Complete Streets Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Council understands the importance of adding sidewalks and/or bicycle paths along Grand Avenue. These improvements would give people more opportunities for transportation and recreation and make our city streets more accessible for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation makes funding available to New York municipalities for the construction and repair of highways, bridges, and other transportation facilities that have a useful life of ten years or more under the New York State Touring Route Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Council hereby states its commitment for the Mayor's Office to make application for reimbursement in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the NY Department of Transportation State Touring Route Program, for proposed public sidewalks and bicycle paths along Grand Avenue, and hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign and submit all documents necessary to make that application.

Commissioner Sanghvi stated residents asked that money be put aside for sidewalks on Grand Avenue. They will be moving the process forward via resolution.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract for Homeless Shelter Services

Mayor Kim pulled this item from his agenda. There will be a special City Council meeting on Friday, June 9, 2023 at 4 p.m. to address this.

Discussion and Vote: Merit for Review and Referral to Planning Boards – Amend UDO to Include 1,000 Foot Buffer Between Schools and Homeless Shelters (23-306)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to refer for review the amendment to the UDO to include a 1,000-foot buffer between schools and any homeless shelter.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Reimburse Employee #2593 the Amount of \$164.00 (23-307)

Mayor Kim advised this is for travel expenses.

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the reimbursement to employee #2593 \$164.00.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Reimburse Employee #3065 the Amount of \$164.00 (23-308)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Montagnino seconded to authorize the reimbursement to employee #3065 \$164.00 for travel expenses.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Reimburse Employee #2808 in the Amount of \$164.00 (23-309)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the reimbursement employee #2808 \$164.00 for travel expenses.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Reimburse Employee #3083 in Amount of \$327.54 (23-310)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the reimbursement employee #3083 \$164.00 for travel expenses.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay Fee to Dept. of Treasury/IRS for Excise Tax for Health Insurance (23-311)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to pay \$419.75 to the Department of Treasury/IRS for excise tax for health insurance.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Transportation Agreement with Saratoga County (23-312)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the transportation agreement with Saratoga County in the amount of \$8,049.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Nutrition Agreement with Saratoga County (23-313)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the nutrition agreement with Saratoga County in the amount of \$8,049.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Baseball Camp Co-Sponsor Agreement with Saratoga American Legion/Stampede (23-314)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the baseball camp co-sponsor agreement with Saratoga American Legion/Stampede.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Accept \$2,352.00 Donation from WGY Christmas Wish (23-315)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to accept the donation of \$2,352 from WGY Christmas Wish.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Accept \$400.00 Donation from the Saratoga Springs Friends of Recreation Fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region (23-316)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to accept the donation from the Saratoga Springs Friends of Recreation Fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region in the amount of \$400.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Quit Claim Deed to Replace 1958 Tax Deed 33 Caroline Street (23-317)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a quitclaim deed to replace the 1958 tax deed for 33 Caroline Street.

Tony Izzo, city attorney, advised title companies ask for revisions to the deeds to remove the 1,000-year restriction.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Sign Documents Relating to Opioid Litigations (23-318)

Mayor Kim advised this resolution would allow the mayor to sign all documents relating to opioid settlements as they are received without have to wait for a City Council meeting.

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to approve the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York, as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Saratoga Springs is one of a large number of municipalities that is participating in class action litigation against entities involved in the production and distribution of opioid medications and products; and WHEREAS, the City has retained outside counsel to represent it in the opioid litigation. This litigation is specialized and complex, and on several occasions our outside counsel has requested that the City have documents executed pursuant to Council authorization. It is reasonable to believe that there may be times when a document sent to us by our outside counsel must be signed immediately, before the Council can meet to give authorization. To insure that our participation in this important litigation may proceed as smoothly as possible, this Council hereby RESOLVES as follows:

- 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute in the name of the City all documents prepared and submitted by our outside counsel relative to the City's participation in the aforementioned opioid class action litigation, without further authorization from the Council.**
- 2. This authorization shall continue in effect until revoked by subsequent resolution of the Council.**

Commissioner Sanghvi stated she would like regular updates.

Mayor Kim suggested adding a #3 that the mayor shall report at the next regular Council meeting any documents pursuant to this.

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded the friendly amendment to add that the mayor report at the next city council meeting any documents signed.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to add an item to his agenda regarding the release of affordable housing requirements from 166 Jefferson Street, Apt. 1. (23-319)

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Tony Izzo explained the current regulations for affordable housing states if the current owner markets their property for a period of time and does not find a qualified buyer, the City gets to market the property for an additional period of time. If no qualified buyer is found, the owner is free to place the property on the open market.

Discussion and Vote: Authorize the Release of Affordable Housing Requirements for 166 Jefferson Street, Apt. 1 (23-320)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the release of 166 Jefferson Street, Apt. 1 from the affordable housing restrictions.

Commissioner Moran stated returning a unit back to the market is not something he likes to see. He would like to see units kept as affordable housing. He is going to work on a local law that allows him as the assessor to assess a property at deed restricted rate.

Mayor Kim stated he believes the culprit is current interest rates.

Ayes – 4 (Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 1 (Commissioner Moran)

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT (part 2)

Award of Bid: Station 3 Kitchen Equipment to Gerharz Equipment (23-321)

Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Golub seconded to award the bid for Station 3 Kitchen Equipment to Gerharz Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$98,422.42.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Award of Bid: Copper Sulfate to Thornton, Musso, and Bellemin, Inc. (23-322)

Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to award the bid for Coper Sulfate to Thornton, Musso, and Bellemin, Inc. according to unit bid pricing.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Award of Bid: Snow Plow Cutting Edges to Chemung Supply Company (23-323)

Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Golub seconded to award the bid for Snow Plow Cutting Edges & Shoes to Chemung Supply Co. in the amount not to exceed \$21,311.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Award of Bid: Polyaluminum Chloride to Holland Chemical (23-324)

Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Golub seconded to award the bid for Polyaluminum Chloride to Holland Chemical according to unit bid pricing.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Award of Bid: Extension of Bid for HVAC Services to BPI Mechanical (23-325)

Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to extend the bid for HVAC Services to BPI Mechanical for an additional year under the same terms, prices, and conditions as in bid 2022-23.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Announcement: Update on City Finances

Commissioner Sanghvi announced the City will be selling over \$10 million dollars in public improvement serial bonds on June 8, 2023. The proceeds will finance upcoming capital projects including water infrastructure improvements, Loughberry Lake Dam improvements, and other projects. IT has continued the roll out the multi-factor authentication devices.

Announcement: Participatory Budgeting Accepting Project Proposals Through July 1, 2023

Commissioner Sanghvi announced applications for participatory budgeting projects will be accepted through July 1, 2023. They have about 13 proposals to date.

Discussion: Standard & Poor's Report

Commissioner Sanghvi advised the City has maintained its AA+ rating. The City's stable outlook reflects Standard & Poor's global ratings opinion of Saratoga Springs strong budgetary performance supported by good financial management practices resulting in strong reserves. The report stated the rating could be lowered if budgeting performance deteriorates or general fund balance decreases substantially. The rating could be raised if management continues to raise strong finances by reducing fixed costs and finalizing long term planning.

Discussion and Vote: 2023 City Fees Update – Department of Public Works (23-326)

Commissioner Sanghvi advised the Department of Public Works has updated a number of their fees, which have been attached to the agenda.

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Commissioner Moran seconded: DPW General Fees - changed National Grid to Public Utilities (National Grid, Verizon, Spectrum etc.) and from gas-main to distribution main; adjusted the fees related to sidewalk and driveway aprons and specified the type of install - these are now in line with market rates; increased the fee for compost deliveries to customers outside of City limits. DPW - Engineering Fees - added a fee for site inspections for the principal engineering technician. DPW - Music Hall Fees - added a rehearsal fee of \$100 for Monday – Thursday. DPW - Casino Fees - added rental fees for 2024 and 2025 and added fees related to setup/breakdown for additional hours beyond the normal rental, and created a fee for retail events or farmers markets. DPW - Parks Fees - added a half-day vendor fee, and specified the difference between a half day vs. full day and re-set the farmers' market vendor fee to \$3.50 per day.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll & Benefits (23-327)

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Commissioner Moran seconded lines 1 – 2 DPW for on-call pay for the deputy; lines 3 - 5 DPS for utilities; lines 6 – 7 DPS for out of grade costs; lines 8 – 9 DPS to cover wages through end of year; lines 10 – 12 Mayor's Department for County agreements.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Contingency (23-328)

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Commissioner Golub seconded lines 1 – 4 for the City Center the starting balance is \$1,807 and the ending balance will be \$732.00. For lines 5 – 13 for utility expenses for the City, the starting balance is \$189,797.12 and the ending balance \$26,297.12

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Payroll & Benefits (23-329)

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Commissioner Montagnino seconded line 1 is Special Assessment District reimbursement to DPW; line 2 is DPW to cover hospitalization; lines 3 – 5 is Special Assessment District project; line 6 is to cover hospitalization; lines 7 – 8 is court reimbursement; lines 9 – 10 is workers' comp reimbursement; lines 11 – 12 is disability reimbursement; lines 13 – 14 is special event reimbursement.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Fund Balance (23-330)

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Mayor Kim seconded this for the homelessness issue and this money will cover that.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Announcement: Status of Hathorn Spring

Commissioner Golub announced Hathorn Spring, located on the corner of Putnam and Spring Street, is currently out of service. The well that provides the naturally carbonated mineral water has failed due to the corrosion of the casing. Last year repairs were attempted but were limited due to the location of the well under the Putnam Street parking garage. The Department of Public Works plans to drill a new well with stainless steel casing in a new location closer to Hathorn Spring and will be more accessible in case of future repairs. The cost is expected to exceed \$100,000 and work is schedule to take place spring of 2024.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Holland Co. for Polyaluminum Chloride (23-331)

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Holland Co. for polyaluminum chloride in the amount not to exceed unit bid prices.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Chemung Supply Corp. for Snow Plow Parts (23-332)

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Montagnino seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Chemung Supply Corp. for snowplow parts in the amount of \$21,311.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Contract with BPI Mechanical for HVAC Services (23-333)

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Montagnino seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with BPI Mechanical for HVAC services valid through 6/21/2024 not to exceed unit bid prices.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Approval to Adopt Department of Public Works Contractual Template for Flat Rock Park (23-334)

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to approve the Department of Public Works contractual template for Flat Rock Park.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Announcement: Access E-11 Launch

Commissioner Golub announced the launch of Access E-11 – a citizen communication and request management software. This software will streamline the communication between the residents and the City. The residents will be able to file a report with DPW and the staff will be able to respond. Portal access will be available for residents to use this week.

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to add an item to the agenda regarding contract for copper sulfate. (23-346)

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to sign a Contract with Thornton, Musso, and Bellemin, Inc. for Copper Sulfate (23-335)

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Montagnino seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Thornton, Musso, and Bellemin, Inc. for copper sulfate in the amount not to exceed unit bid price.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Commissioner Golub moved and Mayor Kim seconded to add an item for discussion and vote for a donation to Project Lift in the form of carousel tokens. (23-336)

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Donate Carousel Tokens to Project Lift (23-337)

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to accept a donation from the City to Franklin Community Center’s Project Lift in the amount of \$300.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Request Approval of CSEA City Hall Unit Employee to Use Sick Bank (23-338)

Commissioner Montagnino advised this is for employee #500 to use up to 161 hours of sick time from the sick bank. The CSEA City Hall Unit has approved this.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to approve CSEA City Hall employee #500 to use 161 hours of sick time from the sick bank.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Set Public Hearing: Amend Chapter 225, Article IX, Section 225-87 of the Code of the City of Saratoga Springs, NY Entitled “Vehicle and Traffic – Schedule XXII: Time Limit Parking”

Commissioner Montagnino set a public hearing for Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Live Nation Worldwide, Inc. (23-339)

Commissioner Montagnino advised this agreement is for the City to provide EMS services for the SPAC season. This is revenue for the City.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Live Nation Worldwide, Inc.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Change Order #22 to Hueber Breuer for Fire Station 3 (23-340)

Commissioner Montagnino advised this change order is for temporary heat and equipment expenses during the construction phase in the amount of \$29,419.96.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign change order #22 with Hueber Breuer for fire station 3.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Contract with Gerharz Equipment, Inc. for Fire Station 3 (23-341)

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Gerharz Equipment, Inc.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Adirondack Cabling & Security for Fire Station 3 (23-342)

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Adirondack Cabling & Security.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Community Emergency Corps. Inc. (23-343)

Commissioner Montagnino advised this agreement is for back up ambulance service for the SPAC season.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Community Emergency Corps., Inc.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Wilton Emergency Squad (23-344)

Commissioner Montagnino advised this is another agreement for back up ambulance services for the SPAC season.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Wilton Emergency Squad.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay Invoice to CHA Consulting, Inc. for Fire Station 3 (23-345)

Commissioner Montagnino advised a purchase order was not obtained after the change order was approved. The amount of the invoice is \$1,600.00.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to approve payment of invoice to CHA Consulting.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)

Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Create a New Section 115-2.3 of Chapter 115 of the Code of the City of Saratoga Springs, NY Entitled “Intoxication of Impairment by Alcohol or Drugs in a Public Place When in Possession of a Firearm Prohibited”

Commissioner Montagnino advised a proposal has been made for changes to certain provisions. Tony Izzo stated he would like to see more New York State terminology and definitions. He and attorney Phillips have done research and will be ready to present a revision to the Council at the next meeting.

Commissioner Montagnino stated he will postpone this vote until the next meeting.

Announcement: SSPD Policy Directive Relating to Fingerprinting of Defendants Who were Served with Summonses

Commissioner Montagnino announced the policy directive has been uploaded to Lexipol, the independent platform of policy matters. It will also be loaded to the City’s website. There is a change in policy for people who are charged by summons versus arrest warrant and turn themselves in to the police station pursuant to a directive of a judge. There was no policy in place and Lexipol does not have a policy with regard to individuals in this situation.

Announcement: SSPD Policy Change Regarding Issuance of No-Knock Search Warrants

Commissioner Montagnino announced the April 18, 2023 resolution had a provision of a policy change and it has been done. It also adds an additional requirement that the application for a no-knock warrant has been signed off/approved by the Public Safety Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner in the Commissioner’s absence before it can go forward to a judge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kim opened the public comment period at 9:37 p.m.

Emily Bergman of Hyde Street said thank you for putting their presentation on the agenda for June 20, 2023.

Sam Brewer of Saratoga Springs stated public comment should be available at Friday’s special City Council meeting. He believes there are a lot of unintended consequences the City Council is not anticipating in regards to the homeless shelter. The request for proposal calling for \$300,000 for per year and RISE indicated it is going to cost a lot more than \$1,000 per month per resident. He also encouraged the City Council to draft additional regulations regarding the disposition of any sexual violent offender allowed in proximity.

Mayor Kim closed the public comment period at 9:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Commissioner Golub seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Secretary to the City Council

Approved: 6/20/2023
Vote: 5 - 0