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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

(via Zoom)

July 18, 2022

Held at

474 BROADWAY

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK 12866

PRESENT:

RON KIM, Mayor

STACY CONNORS, Deputy Commissioner of
Accounts

JAMES MONTAGNINO, Commissioner of
Public Safety

ANGELA RELLA, Deputy Mayor

HEATHER CROCKER, Deputy Commissioner
of Finance

Minita Sangvhi, Commissioner of
Finance

JASON GOLUB, Commissioner of Public
Works

1 TONY IZZO, City Attorney

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4 MAYOR KIM: Morning everybody.

5 This is our July 18th agenda meeting.

6 And I ask --I -- I --I don't think

7 Commissioner Moran's gonna be on this.

8 So Stacy, could you do the roll call?

9 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CONNORS: Good
10 morning. Mayor Kim?

11 MAYOR KIM: Here.

12 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CONNORS:
13 Commissioner Golub?

14 COMMISSIONER GOLUB: Here.

15 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CONNORS:
16 Commissioner Montagnino?

17 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Present.

18 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CONNORS:
19 Commissioner Sanghvi?

20 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I'm here
21 along with my cat who's decided to join
22 the meeting.

23 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CONNORS: Very
24 nice. City Attorney Izzo?

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1 MR. IZZO: Here.

2 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CONNORS: And
3 Commissioner Moran is not available.

4 MAYOR KIM: So we have a quorum
5 plus a cat. Start out with, we have
6 several public hearings. There's an
7 amendment to the capital budget for
8 Station 3. And then we have the UDO
9 Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 4. And I -- I
10 think we're gonna be distributing some
11 information to the City Council about
12 the comments from the county and City
13 Planning Board at -- at least two of
14 these, is my understanding. And then we
15 have the amendment to the Chapter 225,
16 the loading zone on Phila Street. So
17 those are the public hearings. They
18 start at 6:45. Then on our agenda, we
19 do the usual call to order, et cetera.
20 Public comment period. Then the
21 presentations that we have there's the
22 DPW is doing in connection with SIFI a
23 project status report. And then the
24 Accounts Department is doing a
25 presentation relating to GAR Associates,

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which I believe is the consultants doing
2 some work on -- on evaluations of
3 properties. Is that correct Stacy?

4 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CONNORS: Yes.
5 Assessments and evaluation on commercial
6 and residential properties in the city.

7 MAYOR KIM: Great. Thank you. The
8 next item -- sorry, the consent agenda -
9 - I don't know if there are any
10 questions about the consent agenda or
11 comments at this point. Hearing none.
12 The Mayor's Department, we're having a
13 discussion and vote for the mayor to
14 sign a contract with Delta Development
15 Group. This is a contract to assist the
16 Infrastructure Committee with selecting
17 funding sources through the Build Back
18 Better legislation that was handed down
19 recently by the federal government. The
20 second item is discussion and vote for
21 the resolution on a Poet Laureate.
22 Excuse me, we had a presentation last
23 City Council meeting and this sort of
24 moves the ball forward. And the third
25 is an announcement of appointment to the

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2 Planning Board. We did have a -- a
3 resignation of an -- of one of the
4 members and we're gonna be moving over
5 the -- one of our alternates, Billy
6 McTygue, to the full Planning Board.
7 And then the fourth item is something
8 that we are looking at the calendar and
9 there are several days where the City --
10 the City Council will meet that are long
11 holidays.

12 And we were gonna just discuss the
13 possibility of moving the City Council
14 meeting to a -- a later time in the
15 week. Something like Wednesday or
16 Thursday rather than try to keep it on
17 that Tuesday. I believe we can do this,
18 notwithstanding the city charter as long
19 as we do sufficient notice.

20 Essentially, just -- just would -- the -
21 - the reason we wanted to try to do
22 this, and I think in 2022 into 2023,
23 there's four or five times when
24 essentially what we have is sort of like
25 for instance Labor Day. We have the
long weekend and then we're trying to do

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2 a -- a Tuesday agenda meeting and a -- a
3 -- a City Council meeting that night.
4 The idea would be to put the agenda
5 meeting on the Tuesday but then push the
6 -- oh -- oh, no. Okay. Angela, why
7 don't you tell them what -- your
8 thought?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Well, the idea
10 would be to put the agenda meeting if we
11 can on Wednesday and then do the City
12 Council meeting on Thursday.

13 MAYOR KIM: And we wanted to sort
14 of give you the dates there -- we looked
15 at the calendar. As I said, there's
16 about five times when this happens over
17 the course of the next really the -- the
18 -- the rest of our -- our terms. And so
19 the idea would be to just move these
20 because it's particularly difficult for
21 us to, I think, all the staffs to get
22 all their items and -- and all the rest
23 of stuff when you know essentially
24 people are taking time off and a long
25 weekend. So I think there's -- I -- I
 think New Year's Day is one then there's

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1 I don't -- Labor Day.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Martin Luther
3 King Day.

4 MAYOR KIM: Martin Luther King Day
5 is Juneteenth one of them to -- yeah so
6 -- so there -- it's sort of like that.
7 It's -- and it -- all it would do was
8 just move it a little further into the
9 week to allow people a little bit more
10 time to -- to -- to get the agenda items
11 up and -- and do all that we have to do
12 prior to the meeting. So -- so that's
13 my agenda. And I can move on to the
14 Accounts Department and -- I'm sorry.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Excuse me
16 mayor, did you have one more item to add
17 from your discussions onwards?

18 MAYOR KIM: Oh, and then we'll do
19 an appointment to the Community
20 Development Block Grant Committee that
21 will be Julie Lewis has agreed to step
22 up.

23 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So -- so
24 your previous one, the -- the change in
25 the meetings, is that just a discussion?

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1 MAYOR KIM: Well, yeah. Because
2 probably we would come up with the rest.
3 I -- I wanted a sense of what the City
4 Council thought about it. I don't -- I
5 didn't wanna just say, hey, let's do
6 this. And it'll give you an opportunity
7 to look at your calendars, I mean. It -
8 - it's -- it's essentially any time
9 when, you know, a Monday -- Monday,
10 Tuesday, there -- there's a long
11 weekend.

12 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: No. I
13 totally get it and I understand like
14 sort of why we would wanna do something.
15 It just -- it would impact budget
16 deadlines for a lot of things too and
17 payroll and stuff like that. So
18 obviously, you know, that's something
19 that we have to be thinking about.

20 MAYOR KIM: So -- so that's why I
21 would want some input from obviously you
22 all too, because maybe we can't do it.
23 I don't know. We were just looking at
24 the calendar and -- and realizing that
25 every time we have to do this the most

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recent time was 4th of July really puts
2 a sort of rush into everything we're
3 trying to get (indiscernible)..

4 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Absolutely.
5 No. I -- I totally 100 percent agree.
6 I just, you know, have to be more
7 cognizant of the -- the payroll and
8 stuff like that too.

9 MAYOR KIM: Sure. So that -- that
10 -- so there is a fifth item to our
11 agenda. And now I'll move on to the
12 Accounts Department and Stacy Connors.

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CONNORS: Good
14 morning. Number one on the Accounts
15 Department is a discussion and vote for
16 the authorization for the mayor to sign
17 GAR Associates Addendum Number 7. So
18 there'll be a presentation prior to that
19 agenda item from GAR and Associates
20 related to assessments and property
21 valuation, commercial and residential.
22 Number two, is an award of bid, Visitor
23 Center and Art Center building condition
24 survey to Clark Patterson and Lee. This
25 is for DPW's agenda. Number three, is

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an award of bid. An -- bid extension
2 for pest control to Absolute Pest
3 Control Inc. This is also on the DPW
4 agenda for today -- tomorrow. Number
5 four, is an announcement about the
6 August Primary. Just notification about
7 voting in the city and polling places
8 and all the dates. Number five, is an
9 announcement about upcoming special
10 events and review of current special
11 events that have been happening in the
12 city. And number six, is a discussion
13 and vote. It's position salary upgrade
14 for assistant city clerk. We had
15 approval from CSEA and human resources
16 to upgrade the assistant city clerk's
17 salary position. And that's -- that's
18 about it. And that concludes the
19 Account's agenda.

20 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Stacy. The
21 next department is Finance Department
22 and Commissioner Sanghvi. Minita you
23 wanna.

24 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI:
25 (Indiscernible). Okay. I thought I

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1 pressed it. Hi, everybody.

2 MAYOR KIM: You're captive, I'm
3 sure.

4 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So my agenda
5 items, we have an announcement on City
6 Council meeting Wi-Fi access
7 information. We have an update on city
8 finances and participatory budgeting.
9 We have a discussion and vote for the
10 user terms for city sponsored public Wi-
11 Fi access. We have a discussion and
12 vote, an agreement with Cloud Navigator
13 for Microsoft 365. We have a discussion
14 and vote for voucher for mileage
15 reimbursement for the amount of \$28 and
16 20 cents. We have budget transfers for
17 payroll, and we have four additions. We
18 have resolution regarding the use of
19 assignment for nonprofits. We have a
20 budget amendment about the use of
21 assignment, and we have a budget
22 amendment for the capital budget for
23 Fire Station 3. And we have a budget
24 amendment transfer from contingency.
25 No, sorry budget transfer not budget

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transfer for contingencies.

2 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Commissioner
3 Sanghvi. Any questions about the
4 Finance Department? If hearing none, we
5 will move on to Commissioner Golub in
6 the Public Works Department.

7 COMMISSIONER GOLUB: Thank you,
8 mayor. As you mentioned we have a -- we
9 start with a presentation for SIFI.
10 We'll get a status report concerning the
11 ongoing test and the timeline to move
12 forward. We then have a discussion and
13 vote, authorization for the mayor to
14 sign a change order with Carver for the
15 water main upgrades project. We have a
16 discussion and vote, authorization for
17 the mayor to sign a contract with CPL
18 for building condition survey. And
19 that's a building condition survey for
20 the Art Center and the Visitor Center.
21 We have a discussion and vote,
22 authorization for the mayor to sign a
23 contract with Absolute Pest for
24 integrated pest management. We have a
25 discussion and vote, authorization for

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the mayor to sign sidewalk agreement for
2 10 Empire Avenue. And then we have two
3 announcements. The first is regarding
4 Flat Rock Park where we're gonna provide
5 a -- a -- a visual of what the -- what
6 the proposed park will look like to both
7 the council and the public. And then we
8 have an announcement regarding Woodland
9 Garage.

10 MAYOR KIM: Any questions on the
11 Public Works Agenda.

12 COMMISSIONER GOLUB: Sorry. We'd
13 like add the announcement regarding the
14 Woodland Garage. That's not on the --
15 the pre-agenda.

16 MAYOR KIM: Great. Thank you. Any
17 questions on the Public Works Department
18 agenda? Seeing none we'll move on to
19 public safety and Commissioner
20 Montagnino.

21 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank
22 you, Mr. Mayor. We have a first item is
23 a discussion on the capital budget
24 amendment for Fire Station 3. I wanna
25 just take a second to thank Lynn for

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reaching out to me over the weekend. I
2 think there's some additional paperwork
3 I've got handle in the next hour or so
4 with regard to that, but the capital
5 budget amendment is on the agenda that
6 deals with the plumbing and the HVAC
7 components of the construction.

8 MS. RIBIS: Excuse me,
9 Commissioner.

10 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Yes,
11 yeah.

12 MS. RIBIS: Should that be
13 discussion and vote or just discussion?

14 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I don't
15 know, maybe -- maybe Minita you know
16 more than I or -- or Lynn. Is that a --
17 should that be a discussion and vote?

18 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: That should
19 -- that should be a discussion and vote.

20 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Okay.
21 Thank you (indiscernible) and -- and
22 thanks for picking that up, Lisa, so --

23 MS. RIBIS: No problem.

24 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: --
25 discussion and vote. Number two, is to

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2 set a public hearing on a proposed
3 aggressive solicitation ordinance. And
4 thanks to Mr. Izzo for assisting in the
5 drafting of that. It's based upon the
6 Rochester ordinance which has already
7 passed constitutional muster in our
8 Court of Appeal. Number three,
9 discussion and vote to amend Chapter 225
10 of the city code regarding a loading
11 zone. We spoke about that at the last
12 meeting. I think you all familiar with
13 that one. And number four, discussion -
14 - this should be I believe, discussion
15 and vote on an authorization for the
16 mayor to sign the MOA with PBA for ten-
17 hour shift. And that concludes the
18 Public Safety agenda.

18 MAYOR KIM: Any questions about
19 Public Safety agenda? We -- we don't
20 have the Supervisor's agenda at this
21 point. Is there any additions or
22 changes to the -- the pre-agenda?
23 Seeing none, we can adjourn this
24 meeting. I'll entertain a motion to
25 adjourn.

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1 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: So moved

2 MAYOR KIM: Second.

3 COMMISSIONER GOLUB: Second.

4 MAYOR KIM: All in favor. Aye

5 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER SANNGHVI: Aye.

7 COMMISSIIONER GOLUB: Aye.

8 MAYOR KIM: Motion -- meeting is

9 adjourned at 9:14. Thanks very much

10 everyone. Appreciate it.

11 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank you

12 Mr. Mayor.

13 MAYOR KIM: Thanks.

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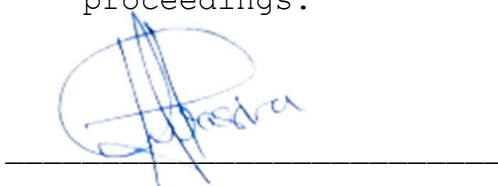
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