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6	CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING
7	March 2, 2021
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9	MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
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11	PRESENT:
12	Meg Kelly, Mayor
13	Lisa Shields, Deputy Mayor
14	John P. Franck, Commissioner
15	Michele Madigan, Commissioner
16	Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner
17	Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
18	Tara Gaston, Supervisor
19	Matthew J. Jones
20	Marilyn Rivers
21	Vince DeLeonardis
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1	MAYOR KELLY: Welcome to city
2	council meeting for Tuesday, March 2nd.
3	It is 6:55.
4	We have one public hearing tonight,
5	and that's capital program capital budget
6	amendment, east and west side fields
7	capital contribution.
8	The Recreation Department is
9	requesting to amend the 2021 capital
10	budget and capital program to include
11	east and west side field annual agreement
12	annual capital contributions. The City
13	of Saratoga Springs School District
14	renewed the agreements for the east side
15	and west side rec use and maintenance.
16	The funds are for improvements to the
17	east side and the west side fields as
18	deemed appropriate by the city and the
19	school district up to the amount of
20	\$40,000.
21	If there is anybody in the audience
22	that would like to speak on that topic,
23	please raise your hand for this public
24	hearing.



DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: And I don't

1	see anyone yet.
2	MAYOR KELLY: Okay.
3	DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: Commissioner
4	Madigan's joining us.
5	MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Yeah.
6	Okay. Then we will be closing this
7	public hearing, and we will wait a few
8	minutes till 7 o'clock to get started
9	with our meeting.
10	Thank you.
11	(Discussion off the record)
12	MAYOR KELLY: Okay. We're ready to
13	get started. So roll call please?
14	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
15	Commissioner Franck?
16	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Present.
17	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
18	Commissioner Madigan?
19	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Present.
20	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
21	Commissioner Scirocco?
22	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Here.
23	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL: Mayor
24	Kelly?
25	MAYOR KELLY: Here.



1	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
2	Supervisor Veitch?
3	SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Here.
4	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
5	Supervisor Gaston?
6	SUPERVISOR GASTON: Here.
7	MAYOR KELLY: Please rise for the
8	pledge of allegiance.
9	I pledge allegiance to the flag of
10	the United States of America and to the
11	republic for which it stands. One
12	nation, under God, indivisible with
13	liberty and justice for all.
14	Next on the agenda is our public
15	comment period. I ask you try to keep
16	your comments brief, up to two minutes.
17	There will be a bell to signify the end
18	of your time. Public comment period will
19	be up to fifteen minutes. Please be
20	respectful to the speakers while
21	addressing the council and address the
22	council as a whole.
23	As a reminder, the public comment is
24	not a dialogue nor a discussion with the
25	council members. However, at the end of



1	public comment, any council may member
2	may respond to a comment.
3	Anyone who wishes to address the
4	council upon any issue may now raise
5	their hand by on Zoom and state their
6	name and address.
7	Lisa, do we have anybody?
8	DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: No, we don't.
9	MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Then we'll move
10	on to we'll close that. Then we'll
11	move on to our presentation.
12	We have one presentation tonight,
13	the 2021 West Avenue Special Assessment
14	District annual report. And I'll turn it
15	over to Commissioner Madigan.
16	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
17	Mayor.
18	Matthew J. Jones is here from Jones
19	Steves. He comes and he sees us every
20	he sees us every year. This year he will
21	be delivering the West Avenue Special
22	Assessment District WASAD's annual report
23	to the city council virtually. The West
24	Avenue Special Assessment District was
25	established in February 15th, 2000, to

1	assess an additional tax on participating
2	businesses within the designated business
3	district for improvements.
4	With that, I will turn it over to
5	Matthew J. Jones to offer us his
6	presentation. Thank you for being here.
7	MR. JONES: Thank you, Commissioner.
8	Mayor, members of the council, I
9	am I'm Matt Jones of Jones Steves. I
10	represented the West Avenue Special
11	Assessment District now for just twenty
12	years, and this is the nineteenth
13	presentation I have made, which sounds
14	like the previous eighteen. But I I
15	try to make it interesting, but there's
16	only so much that you can say. So if I
17	can't interesting, we'll make it short,
18	and I'll see if I can keep this under two
19	minutes.
20	As as the commissioner noted in
21	her agenda minutes, the city council by
22	resolution on June 28, 2001, imposed upor
23	the obligation an obligation on the
24	commissioner of finance to prepare this
25	report and provide us with the

1	opportunity to comment. As has been the
2	case for the previous nineteen years, we
3	agree. The numbers are are true and
4	accurate.
5	Three points I wanted to make this
6	evening. One is that ninety-seven
7	percent of the West Avenue Special
8	Assessment District budget goes to our
9	payment to the city as our fifty percent
LO	share of the 1.4 million dollars of road
11	improvements, a project that occurred in
12	1999, 2000, was then finished in 2001.
L3	The it was actually a 5.2
L 4	million-dollar project that of which
15	1.4 million were for betterments that
16	were not reimbursable by either state or
L7	federal funds. So we needed a mechanism
L8	to come up with that 1.4 million, and we
19	reached an agreement with the City of
20	Saratoga Springs to share that cross at
21	\$700,000 each, and we were to repay that
22	\$700,000 fronted by the city over a
23	period of twenty-five years.
24	That's worked well, and the
25	improvements got done. And it is, as you

2	in and around West Avenue as a result of
3	the sanitary (audio interference) water
4	improvements. It's been a good
5	investment for the city. The the
6	obligation we are paying is at a rate of
7	5 five and an eighth percent, and the
8	city was able to take advantage in a
9	reduction of the markets when they went
10	out to bond, and so the bonding was a bit
11	less than that. Nevertheless, we made a
12	deal with the city, and we stuck to it.
13	And so we continue to pay that that
14	5 five and an eighth percent over the
15	last nineteen years.
16	The little-known fact that stumped
17	the panel two years ago was that there is
18	a city employee who is the a charter
19	member of our board and remains on the
20	board through this day, and that is Tony
21	Izzo who has been of assistance to me and
22	a longtime friend and a valued employee
23	of the city. So I thank him every year

know, a significant amount of development

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because, in part, he's my boss, as -- as

a board member for -- for the West Avenue

1	Special	Assessment	District.
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2	Last thing I want to mention is that
3	periodically now I'm getting calls
4	increasingly about the role of the
5	district, how it might be active or
6	involved with projects along West Avenue,
7	and so those answers are are fairly
8	succinct.

But part of the -- the questions I'm getting have to do with what happens in six years when we have paid back that money in full to the city. And my answer to that for anyone who will listen is that that tax will cease and come to an end. The tax was imposed for twenty-five years for a specific purpose, and that was to pay for those improvements and for no other purpose. And so -- in -- in six years, the property owners will see a reduction in their taxes by elimination of the Special Assessment District.

Commissioner, you've been very patient with me over these last ten years. I thank you very much. And so we agree with your report.

1	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Well, it's
2	been my pleasure.
3	And I had 2/15/2000, but I guess you
4	said you were established in 2001. Or
5	were you established prior to that, and
6	we bonded in 2001?
7	MR. JONES: No, I think you're
8	correct that that
9	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.
10	MR. JONES: that was established
11	(audio interference) resolution was in
12	2001. Yes.
13	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Yeah,
14	because I have that the bond will be paid
15	on December 1st of 2026.
16	MR. JONES: That's correct. That's
17	correct, Commissioner.
18	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Well,
19	I always appreciate you coming here every
20	year to provide this report. I guess
21	this is my tenth year hearing the West
22	Avenue Special Assessment District's
23	report on this bond.
24	MR. JONES: Thanks very much,
25	Commissioner.



1	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you
2	very much.
3	MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
4	Commissioner.
5	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And thank
6	you, Mayor.
7	MAYOR KELLY: So moving on, we did
8	have an executive session yesterday at
9	pre-agenda regarding sale, lease, or
10	acquisition of property where disclosure
11	would affect value, and there was no
12	action taken.
13	On to the consent
14	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Mayor?
15	MAYOR KELLY: Yes?
16	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: If I may
17	interrupt? I don't believe the executive
18	session is actually listed on the agenda,
19	and I think, for the record, we may want
20	to have it on the agenda.
21	MAYOR KELLY: Oh. Okay. So it's
22	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So maybe
23	we'll just
24	MAYOR KELLY: (Indiscernible)
25	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: upload a



1	new one. Yeah.
2	MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Well, yeah.
3	Okay. That's fine. Thank you. And
4	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: You're
5	welcome.
6	Moving on to the consent agenda, I
7	move that the city council approve the
8	consent agenda. As included with this
9	agenda, this a motion. Is there a
10	second?
11	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
12	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
13	All those in favor say aye.
14	IN UNISON: Aye.
15	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
16	The matter passes.
17	On to the Mayor's Department. My
18	first item is a police reform task force
19	update, and I'll turn it over to Vince
20	DeLeonardis for an update.
21	MR. DELEONARDIS: Thank you, Mayor.
22	Council will recall that back on
23	June 12th, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued
24	Executive Order Number 203, wherein he
25	required local governments, including the



1	City of Saratoga Springs, to undertake a
2	review of existing police policies,
3	practices, and procedures and with
4	community input to develop a plan to
5	improve those. The executive order was a
6	result of at the time ongoing protests
7	and demonstrations following police-
8	involved deaths of unarmed black and
9	African American civilians and a demand
10	for change, action, and accountability.
11	On August 4th of 2020, Mayor Kelly,
12	in conjunction with all of you, appointed
13	eleven members of the community, along
14	with myself and Police Chief Crooks, to
15	serve on the Saratoga Springs police
16	reform task force. Since August, the
17	task force has met regularly and has
18	engaged the community and stakeholders in
19	a review of our current police policies,
20	practices, and procedures. They have
21	broken down into twelve subcommittees to
22	undertake a more narrow and focused
23	review of specific areas of identified
24	concern and again imparting members of
25	the larger community into that



1 conversation.

Last week, the task force voted on a
majority of the recommendations that are
contained in a draft recommendation plan,
and that plan is available on the city
website. Tomorrow, the task force will
be holding a meeting where the remainder
of the recommendations will be voted on
and a public forum will be held to allow,
again, an opportunity for the public to
provide input and comments on the
proposed recommendations.

So I would encourage members of the public and the council to review that plan, and members of the public to join -- everyone is welcome -- the forum that will be held tomorrow evening at 5:30 remotely. And you can go to the city's website to register for that meeting.

But after tomorrow when the final vote is made on the draft plan, it will then be provided to council, and it will be up to you to undertake a review of that plan and ultimately make a

2	will ultimately be implemented and to
3	determine how the recommendations will be
4	implemented.
5	So the next city council meeting is
6	March 16th, and under the governor's
7	executive order we are required to
8	formally act on or before April 1st. So
9	I would anticipate that after March 16th
10	and prior to or on April 1st, there will
11	likely be a special city council meeting
12	in order for the council to formally act
13	as required.
14	When the plan is formally voted on
15	tomorrow and complete, I will be
16	scheduling meetings with all of you to
17	discuss it so that we can move forward in
18	determining what of those recommendations
19	are deemed appropriate and would be
20	implemented and how they would be
21	implemented. Some of them are subject to
22	budget appropriations and other things
23	that will need to be discussed with all
24	of you.
25	So that's where we stand currently.

determination as to which recommendations



1	I don't know if there are any questions.
2	If there are I'm happy to happy to
3	answer them.
4	MAYOR KELLY: I'm good. Thank you,
5	Vince.
6	Anybody else?
7	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Actually, I
8	have one question. Is the forum, the
9	public forum, actually start at 5:30
10	because I think I would like to attend
11	the public forum part, but I don't want
12	to sit through the whole meeting. As a
13	council member, I've been watching many
14	of them back, but I would like to listen
15	in to the forum. Do you know if that's
16	going to start at exactly 5:30 or
17	MR. DELEONARDIS: The
18	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I would
19	assume that's coming before they vote of
20	the rest of the document, right?
21	MR. DELEONARDIS: The meeting starts
22	at exactly 5:30. There's an agenda
23	that's been published for tomorrow's
24	meeting, and there I think our
25	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Right.



1	MR. DELEONARDIS: items apply to
2	the public forum, but the meeting starts
3	at 5:30. I can't indicate at what time
4	the the forum will
5	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Thank
6	you.
7	MAYOR KELLY: Any other questions?
8	Thank you, Vince.
9	My second item on the agenda is
10	approval for 2020 purchase order to
11	encumber Complete Streets Greenbelt
12	funds. We ask that the council approve a
13	2020 purchase order in order to roll over
14	\$231,276.69 in budget line
15	H3517142-52000-1240 for Complete Streets
16	and Greenbelt Trail projects.
17	I move that the city council approve
18	the 2020 purchase order to encumber
19	Complete Streets Greenbelt funds. This
20	is a motion. Is there a second?
21	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
22	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
23	All those in favor say aye.
24	IN UNISON: Aye.
25	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?



1	The matter passes.
2	My third item, we're going to go
3	over to Commissioner of Accounts John
4	Franck to do the award bid first.
5	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
6	Mayor.
7	This is item number four on my
8	agenda. It's award of bid labor and
9	employment legal services to Goldberger
10	and Kremer. Upon the recommendation of
11	the Mayor's Office, I move to award the
12	bid of labor and employment legal
13	services to Goldberger and Kremer for an
14	amount not to exceed \$30,000. That is a
15	motion.
16	MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
17	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.
18	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
19	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
20	All those in favor say aye.
21	IN UNISON: Aye.
22	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
23	The matter passes.
24	Thank you, Commissioner.
25	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,



1	Mayor.
2	MAYOR KELLY: My third item is
3	discussion and vote, approval for mayor
4	to sign contract with Goldberger and
5	Kremer for award of bid for labor and
6	employment legal services. Per the
7	city's purchasing policy, HR and legal
8	released an RFP for labor and employment
9	legal services. Goldberger and Kremer
10	was selected. The contract amount is not
11	to exceed \$30,000. The budget line is
12	A3011434-54720.
13	I move that the city council approve
14	the signing of the contract with
15	Goldberger and Kremer for the award of
16	bid for labor and employment legal
17	services. This is a motion. Is there a
18	second?
19	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
20	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
21	All those in favor say aye.
22	IN UNISON: Aye.
23	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
24	The matter passes.
25	My next item is discussion and vote,



1	approval for the mayor to sign amendment
2	to the City of Saratoga Springs PBA
3	flexible benefit plan. We are
4	currently we currently have one
5	participant enrolled in the PBA flexible
6	spending account. This participant
7	elected to enroll in the dependent care
8	flexible spending for both the 2020 and
9	2021 plan years. Due to COVID-19
10	pandemic, the IRS has passed a temporary
11	relief act that will allow flexible
12	spending account member to roll
13	over/carry over unused funds from 2020
14	plan year into the 2021 plan year.
15	I move that the city council approve
16	the signing of an amendment to the City
17	of Saratoga Springs PBA flexible benefit
18	plan. This is a motion. Is there a
19	second?
20	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
21	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
22	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
23	All those in favor say aye.
24	IN UNISON: Aye.
25	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?



1	The matter passes.
2	My next item is discussion and vote,
3	amend 2021 capital budget and capital
4	program to include east and west side
5	fields annual capital contributions. The
6	city and the Saratoga Springs School
7	District renewed the agreement for east
8	side and west side rec use and
9	maintenance. The funds are for
10	improvements to the east side and west
11	side fields as deemed appropriate by the
12	city and the school district up to the
13	amount of 40,000. The budget line is
14	н3567142-42397-1008.
15	I move that the city council amend
16	the 2021 capital budget and capital
17	program to include east and west side
18	fields annual capital contributions.
19	This is a motion. Is there a second?
20	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
21	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
22	All those in favor say aye.
23	IN UNISON: Aye.
24	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
25	The matter passes.



1	My next item is discussion and vote,
2	revokable license for use of City of
3	Saratoga Springs Field, field user
4	agreements, templates with updates.
5	I move that the city council approve
6	the revokable license for use of City of
7	Saratoga Springs Field, the field user
8	agreements, template with updates. This
9	is a motion. Is there a second?
10	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
11	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
12	All those in favor say aye.
13	IN UNISON: Aye.
14	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
15	The matter passes.
16	My next item is discussion and vote,
17	co-sponsored program templates. The
18	department is looking to have a
19	fifty/fifty revenue split with the
20	following organizations: Saratoga Strike
21	Zone, Saratoga American Legion Stampede,
22	and Saratoga Miss Softball. The
23	templates are revised from the previous
24	agreements to include pandemic operations
25	plan.



1	I move that the city council approve
2	the co-sponsored program templates. This
3	is a motion. Is there a second?
4	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
5	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
6	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
7	All those in favor say aye.
8	IN UNISON: Aye.
9	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
10	The matter passes.
11	My eighth item is an announcement.
12	Community Development Block 2021
13	Let me start over. Announcement:
14	Community Development Block Grant 2021
15	program year subgrantee application
16	period closes this Friday, 3/5/21. The
17	2021 CDBG program subgrantee application
18	period ends this Friday, March 5th, at
19	4:30 p.m. The 2021 entitlement grant
20	from the U.S. Department of Housing and
21	Urban Development is expected to be
22	approximately \$308,705. Guidance and
23	application materials are available on
24	the city's website.
25	Due to time constraints resulting



Due to time constraints resulting

1	from the coronavirus pandemic, a special
2	city council meeting will be held on
3	March 30th for the Community Development
4	Citizens Advisory Committee presentation
5	of its 2021 Block Grant entitlement
6	action plan recommendations.
7	And that concludes my agenda.
8	And I'll turn it over to
9	Commissioner Franck of Accounts.
10	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
11	Mayor.
12	The first item on my agenda is
13	discussion and vote, approval of New York
14	State mandated pandemic operations.
15	Governor Cuomo signed legislation
16	S8617B(a)10832 on September 11th, 2020,
17	requiring all public employers to create
18	plans to adequately protect workers in
19	the event of another state emergency
20	disaster involving a communicable
21	disease.
22	Before I read the rest on the
23	record, I have Marilyn Rivers on this
24	Zoom call to just give a brief overview,
25	and then I'll put the rest of the stuff



1	in the records.
2	If you could, Marilyn?
3	MS. RIVERS: Thank you,
4	Commissioner. I appreciate the city
5	council having an opportunity to review
6	this.
7	The city's pandemic operations plan
8	includes protocols for the following. It
9	provides a description of positions that
10	are considered essential to our city
11	governance. It also includes protocols
12	to enable nonessential employees to work
13	remotely, to stagger work shifts. It
14	provides protocols for all departments to
15	provide personal protective equipment to
16	city employees, and it also provides a
17	guideline as to what the city will need
18	to do if an employee is exposed to COVID
19	or a communicable disease. We have put a
20	section in here for essential housing for
21	emergency purposes, and we have also
22	included a section to track and to trace
23	with regard to pandemics.
24	This plan was mandated to include
25	all of the collective bargaining units



1	within the city. They have all
2	participated through the city safety
3	committee. They have offered friendly
4	amendments. Those friendly amendments
5	are included within this document.
6	In addition, Assistant Chief Catone,
7	John Catone, has reviewed this plan and
8	has compared it to the city's emergency
9	management plan. It dovetails it.
10	Christy Spadaro, the Human Resource
11	Administrator, has done some extensive
12	work on remote work and essential
13	employees, in addition to working with
14	risk and safety on dovetailing it into
15	what the city council approved early in
16	2020 for pandemic operations.
17	Brian Kremer, the city's legal
18	employment practice lawyer, has reviewed
19	this, in addition to City Attorney Vince
20	DeLeonardis.
21	So all the collective bargaining
22	units have agreed to this plan as was
23	mandated by Section 27-C of the New York
24	State Labor Law, which required public
25	employers to adopt a plan and include all

1	of the collective bargaining units.
2	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: So before I go
3	any further just to read the motion, is
4	there any questions for Marilyn on item
5	one?
6	MAYOR KELLY: I'm good. Thank you.
7	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Great.
8	Yeah, I would like to thank the
9	safety committee, city safety committee,
10	and Marilyn Rivers for their hard work on
11	this, along with everybody she just
12	mentioned.
13	So therefore, I move to approve the
14	pandemic operations plan as included with
15	this agenda. And that's a motion.
16	MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
17	Second.
18	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
19	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
20	All those in favor say aye.
21	IN UNISON: Aye.
22	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
23	The matter passes.
24	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
25	Mayor.



1	My second item, which I'll also
2	leave Marilyn online for this, is a
3	discussion and vote to approve resolution
4	for outdoor temporary seating. This
5	updated resolution for temporary seating
6	allows local restaurants to begin
7	temporary outdoor seating Monday, March
8	15th, which is two weeks earlier than the
9	April 1st date or a little bit over
10	two weeks earlier. This, at this point,
11	will expire on June 30th, 2021. As we
12	had discussed yesterday, we are prepared
13	to bring this resolution back to extend
14	the expiration date as we get more
15	information.
16	But I just, again, would like
17	Marilyn, for the public and also for the
18	city council, just to kind of go through
19	what their thought process was with the
20	subcommittee putting this together.
21	Marilyn?
22	MS. RIVERS: Thank you,
23	Commissioner.
24	The city council made vast inroads
25	last year in promoting city eating and



1	drinking establishments under Chapter 136
2	to allow our licensed eating and drinking
3	establishments to use city right-of-ways
4	and extend their sidewalk cafes because
5	they were not able to service the public
6	indoors.
7	We had several extensions last year
8	ending on December 31st, 2020, at
9	midnight. This resolution significantly
10	impacted the eating and drinking
11	establishments within the city. They
12	were very appreciative of all of the work
13	that city council has done with regard to
14	this.
15	We had been approached as a group.
16	There is a group that included Michael
17	Veitch from Public Works, Vince
18	DeLeonardis, the city attorney. We
19	also including myself and Chief Aaron
20	Dyer from the fire department to
21	represent emergency management. We added
22	Deputy we added Deputy Commissioner
23	Deidre Ladd, and Deputy Commissioner
24	Maire Masterson was also part of the
25	group last year with regard to the



⊥	licensing	perspective.

2	Having met, we presented this at
3	safety committee in February. We all
4	agree that the occupancy we're not
5	sure how the governor is going to change
6	and the New York State DOH is going to
7	change the occupancy for indoor for
8	Chapter 136. So what we're suggesting
9	is we're looking forward to a very
10	robust tourist season. We're suggesting
11	that we, in the interim, extend it to
12	June 30th of this year at midnight, with
13	the caveat that we would come back
14	several times if we needed to to discuss
15	with city council the extension of it, if
16	need be, to later periods in 2021.
17	The concern that the the safety
18	committee had with traffic and with the
19	fire department with occupancy is that,
20	if the Governor allows a hundred percent

committee had with traffic and with the fire department with occupancy is that, if the Governor allows a hundred percent occupancy, then the DOH license -- the -- for eating and the SLA license for -- for the drinking and the alcohol is significant to their footprint. So we want to make sure that the footprint that

1	is with their original license at the
2	state level matches what we're doing as a
3	city.
4	So it was decided that we would use
5	June 30th as a as a sunset. Or it
6	might be sooner if we open up to a
7	hundred percent occupancy as, you know,
8	Texas opened up a hundred percent
9	occupancy today, along with Florida, I
10	think. So hopefully New York won't be
11	far behind.
12	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: So any
13	questions from the council before we go
14	forward with a motion?
15	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Do you want
16	to do the motion, or can I I don't
17	have any questions, but I had some
18	comments.
19	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Sure. Well, I
20	move for the city council to approve the
21	resolution for temporary seating as
22	included with this agenda. That's a
23	motion.
24	MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
25	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.



1	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
2	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. So
3	first I want to thank Marilyn Rivers and
4	the Accounts Department and everybody
5	else that's worked on these agenda items,
6	agenda item number one and agenda item
7	number two, the one that we're talking
8	about right now and the resolution for
9	outdoor temporary seating.
10	We did have a lengthy discussion
11	about this yesterday at our council pre-
12	agenda meeting, and many issues were
13	brought up as to why June 30th, 2021, was
14	chosen at this time. Mainly the ones I
15	heard were the State Liquor Authority
16	maximum occupancy issues for indoor
17	seating and that, as it stands right now,
18	the maximum would also include your
19	outdoor seating. So whatever your
20	occupancy was for indoor seating extends
21	to the street and to outdoor seating.
22	Additionally, there was discussion
23	about some of the streets being able to
24	handle traffic if we were to have the



race course open to a hundred percent,

1	potentially I guess fifty percent. I
2	mean, I don't know. We were talking at
3	one-hundred percent levels. I am a
4	proponent of language that extends the
5	outdoor seating resolution beyond the
6	June 30th deadline, but I also understand
7	you're probably going to bring this back,
8	as we discussed yesterday. It could be
9	fairly soon, so that's positive.
10	I'm not really best sure how to
11	handle this issue. Some areas have wider
12	sidewalks than others, wider streets than
13	others. Additionally, it may behoove
14	some of those businesses to reach out to
15	the State Liquor Authority themselves, I
16	guess I don't really know the process
17	for this if outdoor seating is
18	something that they can handle and would
19	like to, I guess, look at increasing
20	potentially their maximum, and this might
21	be something that they could do at least
22	and to the sidewalk because, as I
23	understand it, the real concern is in the
24	streets. So businesses may want to be
25	able to plan, and that's the big concern:



1	plan and invest and make up for lost
2	revenue.
3	So I am a proponent of extending the
4	June 30th deadline. I was also hoping
5	that maybe we could have some language.
6	But at this point, because I know we're
7	going to revisit this a little bit
8	sooner, I think the June 30th deadline is
9	fine. But if there is a way that we
10	could craft something as we bring this
11	back I don't know if it's by area, by
12	region; I don't know to give some
13	businesses that want to do a little more
14	planning or investment so they're not
15	kind of going we brought this back
16	four or five times last year. And while
17	I feel confident that the council will
18	extend it based on extenuating
19	circumstances like if the race course is
20	open or not, it would be nice to let them
21	know that if they're planning and
22	spending money and investing that it runs
23	through a longer date, a longer term for
24	them.
25	So that was it. Thank you.



Τ	MS. RIVERS: Commissioner, the great
2	news is that we've started planning with
3	the police department. Sgt. Mullan is
4	beginning to work with the Accounts
5	Department and will be working with each
6	of your departments on special events
7	that are happening starting in late May,
8	early June. So we plan a very robust
9	tourist season, if we can, and a very
10	robust special event year to try and make
11	up for
12	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.
13	MS. RIVERS: for last year. So
14	that will be dovetailing into this
15	resolution as we move forward, and
16	Commissioner Franck will be moving that
17	forward as we work towards, you know,
18	that success.
19	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah, and
20	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That's great,
21	too. Also being conscious of the fact
22	that there still may be people without
23	vaccine. There's still going to be
24	variants out there. People are still
25	going to want to be sitting outside, not



1	necessarily in a restaurant with a
2	hundred percent occupancy in the
3	restaurant.
4	Sorry. Commissioner Franck, you
5	were going to say something.
6	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Well, I'll let
7	Commissioner Scirocco go. Looks like he
8	was saying something.
9	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I just
10	wanted to just
11	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Oh, okay.
12	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: bring up
13	one quick point. I think the reason why
14	we formed that committee was, when the
15	businesses want to apply, they apply, and
16	then their application goes to that
17	committee. They take a look at it to
18	make sure that everything is going to
19	work for that area. So I guess all
20	business any business can put an
21	application in, and then
22	MS. RIVERS: Yes.
23	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: that
24	committee will take a look at it and make
25	sure there's no issues with it. And then



1	it gots the thumbs-up and I think that!s
	it gets the thumbs-up, and I think that's
2	the way it's supposed to work.
3	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Right. To
4	Commissioner Scirocco and Commissioner
5	Madigan's point, one of the reasons we
6	are moving it to March 15th is we
7	understand there still may be snow on the
8	ground, but that will give the people the
9	ability to get their applications in
10	earlier, so we can start the process
11	earlier.
12	You have to remember also it was
13	back and forth last year. It was
14	something different. It was new. We
15	didn't know how it was going to work. We
16	didn't even know if the track was going
17	to be open. So there was a lot of things
18	going on last year. So this didn't
19	really get started till mid to late June
20	into July.
21	This time around, we kind of have a
22	game plan to understand it, and I think,
23	also, some businesses that were a little
24	wary of doing it last year because they
25	just didn't know how it'd work, saw the

Ţ	success of the businesses that did do it,
2	so
3	MS. RIVERS: Yes.
4	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: And the other
5	reason was, we're just trying to I
6	don't want to use the word fast-track,
7	but if somebody's already done that, we
8	already have their blueprint. We already
9	have their plan. We already know how
10	they did it, and it was safe. It'll be
11	much easier for them to apply. It's not
12	like they're going to give us new
13	drawings
14	MS. RIVERS: Yes.
15	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: or
16	anything. So I think at the end of the
17	day, we could be talking about this in
18	two meetings, as we get more information.
19	And we could also do a hybrid of
20	what we have, Commissioner Madigan, like
21	you discussed, where it may just not
22	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.
23	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: we may take
24	it off the streets, but we may keep it on
25	the sidewalks. But there's just with



1	executive orders and all these things
2	that happened last year, they were all
3	temporary-type orders. So we're also
4	kind of also at the mercy of the State of
5	New York. But I think we're
6	And if any of the commissioners or
7	the mayor has questions as we go and say,
8	I don't even want to wait till the next
9	meeting, we'll be more than happy to get
10	this back on the agenda as early as the
11	second meeting in March, as we go
12	through. But it's definitely it's in
13	progress and there will be changes as we
14	go.
15	MAYOR KELLY: Any other comments,
16	council?
17	All those in favor say aye.
18	IN UNISON: Aye.
19	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
20	The matter passes.
21	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
22	Mayor.
23	My third and last item, because we
24	did item four already, is discussion and
25	vote, authorization for mayor to sign



1	Addendum Number 5 with GAR Associates.
2	This addendum is a continuation of the
3	original 2012 contract for commercial
4	property appraisals. This addendum adds
5	to the contract some.
6	Therefore, I move to authorize the
7	mayor to sign Addendum Number 5 with GAR
8	Associates as included with this agenda.
9	And that's a motion.
10	MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
11	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.
12	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
13	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
14	All those in favor say aye.
15	IN UNISON: Aye.
16	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
17	The matter passes.
18	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
19	Mayor. That concludes my agenda for this
20	evening.
21	MAYOR KELLY: On to Finance,
22	Commissioner Madigan?
23	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
24	Mayor.
25	So the first item on my agenda is an



1	announcement, May 21 bond rating. The
2	city received its annual bond rating from
3	Standard & Poor's, and I am very pleased
4	to inform to the council and the public
5	that it held firm on last year's rating,
6	which was double A plus, but with a
7	negative outlook which is what we had
8	last year and I believe is as a result of
9	COVID-19.
10	It noted that the city has
11	historically maintained balance to
12	operations and very strong budgetary
13	flexibility and liquidity and that we
14	maintain strong reserves to
15	counterbalance its dependence on
16	economically sensitive revenue. It also
17	acknowledged the revenue losses suffered
18	from the pandemic economy. The negative
19	outlook reflects the city's exposure to
20	continued volatility from economically
21	sensitive revenue sources, including
22	sales and hotel/motel taxes.
23	The rating reflects S&P's view of
24	the city's very strong economy with
25	access to a broad and diverse



1	metropolitan statistical area, strong
2	management with good financial policies
3	and practices under our financial
4	management assessment methodology. Very
5	strong liquidity, strong institutional
6	framework score.
7	The negative outlook reflects the
8	city's exposure to continued volatility
9	from economically sensitive revenue
10	sources, including sales and hotel/motel
11	taxes. "Our outlook incorporates the"
12	this is a quote from them. "Our outlook
13	incorporates the likelihood that a
14	national economic recession and resulting
15	revenue challenges will have a negative

Similar to my message last March, it advises that, if the city can limit fund balance drawdowns and maintain structurally aligned budgets, we could revise the outlook to stable. This is a

effect on performance and reserves. But

city's available general fund balance to

we could lower the rating if continued

negative operating results cause the

substantially decline."

1	great accomplishment, given the pressures
2	on delivering city services with the
3	substantially reduced budget and will
4	bode well for our 2021 bonding, although
5	it seems generally speaking that interest
6	rates lately, regardless of how much the
7	government borrows I mean, it looks
8	like we're going to borrow five
9	trillion continue to stay low. And we
10	noticed that in 2008/2009 when President
11	Obama borrowed a lot of money to or
12	initiated a lot of money for the bailout
13	with the financial crisis recession that
14	we had back in '09, '08/'09.
15	So thank you to the Director of
16	Finance for working with Standard &
17	Poor's to bring us this exceptional bond
18	rating, and thank you to each department
19	for working with us to economize your
20	expenditures while maintaining essential
21	city services.
22	Second item on my agenda is a
23	discussion and vote for the 2021 bond
24	resolution. The city is not required to
25	bond all projects listed. We usually



1	release our public sale in late spring,
2	early summer. I will be evaluating our
3	finances and interest rates closely to
4	determine the best course possible.
5	But again, we've been through about
6	a year of COVID, and interest rates are
7	low. So that's very, very positive. And
8	still are low with having borrowed three
9	trillion dollars last year at the federal
LO	government level and looking at another
11	1.9 million (sic) dollars this year, for
L2	a total of five trillion dollars. I
L3	mean, that's thousands and thousands of
L 4	billions of dollars. I mean, it's hard
L5	for me to even fathom that number.
16	So anyway, the 2021 bond resolution
L7	authorizes the issuance of \$7,381,823 in
L8	bonds to finance various capital projects
L9	as follows: the replacement of the
20	city's current inventory of street lights
21	with state-of-the-art LED lighting,
22	\$2,887,163; the upgrade of the Loughberry
23	Lake Dam and Spillway, \$1,750,000. And I

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do hope that we are looking into grants.

There's a lot of grants out there for

1	water, water infrastructure projects
2	right now.
3	The purchase of the Morbark Wood Hog
4	Tub Grinder, \$669,660, and that's to
5	ensure that we can grind up all the
6	leaves and trees and tree limbs and
7	debris that we put out on the sidewalks.
8	That DPW can grind that all up and use it
9	to also make compost. It's an expensive
10	piece of machinery, but this is a service
11	that our community seems to relish and
12	enjoy.
13	The replacement of sanitary sewer
14	mains in problem locations throughout the
15	city, \$250,000.
16	The upgrade of the city's waste
17	water pump stations, \$250,000.
18	And the replacement of water mains
19	on State Street and Clement Avenue,
20	\$1,575,000.
21	I move that the city council approve
22	the 2021 bond resolution, as included
23	with the agenda. This does require a
24	roll call vote, so if the clerk, Lisa,
25	will call for that, that would be great.



1	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: We need a
2	second
3	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL: I just
4	need a second
5	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: But you need
6	a second. Yeah.
7	MAYOR KELLY: (Indiscernible)
8	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL: Okay.
9	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
10	Second.
11	MAYOR KELLY: Roll call, please?
12	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
13	Commissioner Franck?
14	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.
15	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
16	Commissioner Madigan?
17	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.
18	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
19	Commissioner Scirocco?
20	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.
21	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL: And
22	Mayor Kelly?
23	MAYOR KELLY: Aye.
24	The matter passes. Thank you.
25	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,



1	council.
2	Item number three is an update on
3	city finances, a recurring topic at most
4	2021 council meetings. The 1.9
5	million trillion, I'm sorry
6	trillion-dollar Federal Stimulus Act was
7	passed by the House at 2 a.m. on Saturday
8	morning. The Senate has yet to vote.
9	The anticipated deadline for completing
10	the vote by the Senate is March 14th to
11	coincide with the date employee benefits
12	will otherwise run out from the federal
13	government. The minimum wage of fifteen
14	dollars an hour has been removed in order
15	to encourage swift and successful
16	passage.
17	This delivers an estimated 440
18	million dollars in direct federal
19	COVID-19 relief funding to counties,
20	cities, towns, and villages in New York's
21	20th Congressional District, which is
22	represented by Senator Paul Tonko and is
23	part of our district, the City of
24	Saratoga Springs, to maintain essential
25	services and staff, including police



1	officers, teachers, nurses, fire
2	fighters, water system managers, and
3	countless others in the capital region.
4	Under this bill, the City of Saratoga
5	Springs is slated to receive seven
6	million dollars.
7	At this time we have some details
8	about how the money will be distributed
9	if, indeed, it's successfully passed in
10	the Senate. The formula for how much we
11	will receive is based on a modified
12	Community Development Block Grant
13	formula. We are a community under a
14	certain population threshold, under
15	50,000. Our money will flow through the
16	state government. Once the state
17	government receives it, they will have up
18	to thirty days to disperse it to the City
19	of Saratoga Springs.
20	The positive note is that it will
21	readily cover our 2021 retirement costs
22	of five million dollars. As you may
23	recall, we budgeted five million dollars
24	in revenue. We called it federal fiscal



aid to offset the five-million-dollar

1	expense in the retirement amount that
2	we the retirement amount that we owe
3	to the Office of the State Comptroller.
4	The remaining two million dollars will
5	assist in covering revenue that will not
6	meet estimates at this time. We have no
7	information yet regarding the status of
8	VLT aid and the New York State budget.
9	It's included at zero dollars in the
10	governor's executive budget, which is
11	currently on the table. There was a very
12	positive editorial in the Albany Times
13	Union yesterday I hope everyone had a
14	chance to read it about VLT and
15	reinstating VLT.
16	A little bit about sales tax, final
17	figures for 2020 sales tax collection
18	have been received as follows. For 2020,
19	the city received \$11,074,174.35. This
20	was down 17.62 percentage from 2019, or
21	about \$2,370,000 less than in 2019. The
22	2020 revised budget was 10,281,000, so we
23	did exceed the revised budget by about



way. That's sort of a positive.

800,000, if you want to look at it that

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1	I'm going to jump down a little bit.
2	So the final thing I guess I'll say about
3	this is that the City of Saratoga Springs
4	is one of twenty jurisdictions across the
5	state that the New York State
6	Comptroller's Office has chosen to
7	participate in a review of our 2020 and
8	2021 budgets in the context of the
9	pandemic economy. We've spent a lot of
10	time responding to questions about the
11	city budget process, budget comparisons,
12	2020 actual collections and expenses, as
13	well as individual estimated 2021 expense
14	and revenue items.
15	The process is not yet completed,
16	and we do appreciate the assistance we
17	have received from all departments, as
18	needed. And I hope to have more firm
19	information about that Federal Stimulus
20	Act by the next council meeting and
21	information regarding VLT at least by the
22	first meeting in April.
23	Thank you. I don't know if anybody
24	has any comments.
25	MAYOR KELLY: No. Thank you,



MAYOR KELLY: No. Thank you,

1	Commissioner. That was great. And you
2	and I
3	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.
4	MAYOR KELLY: have some meetings
5	this week about the VLT, so
6	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: We do. We
7	do.
8	The mayor and I that's a good
9	point continue to meet with committee
10	chairs in the New York State Legislature
11	to advocate strongly for full
12	disbursement of VLT funds to the City of
13	Saratoga Springs.
14	Thank you.
15	MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
16	Commissioner.
17	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item number
18	four is a discussion and vote, budget
19	amendments capital fund for recreation
20	school district contract for capital
21	improvements. Lines one through two,
22	amend the 2021 capital budget to account
23	for revenue received by the school
24	district for capital improvements,
25	including the east and west side



Т.	recreation areas. This year s annuar
2	amount is \$40,000. Projects are
3	determined by the school district and
4	implemented with the city recreation
5	department.
6	I move that the city council approve
7	the budget amendments capital fund for
8	recreation school district contract for
9	capital improvements, as included with
10	the agenda. This is a motion and also
11	requires a roll-call vote. So if Lisa
12	will call for the roll call, that would
13	be great after we have the second.
14	MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
15	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I'll second.
16	MAYOR KELLY: Roll call, please?
17	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
18	Commissioner Franck?
19	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.
20	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
21	Commissioner Madigan?
22	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.
23	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
24	Commissioner Scirocco?
25	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.



1	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL: And
2	Mayor Kelly?
3	MAYOR KELLY: Aye.
4	The matter passes.
5	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.
6	Item number six is a discussion and
7	vote, budget amendment capital for 2020
8	reimbursement. Lines one through two,
9	amend the 2020 capital budget to account
10	for revenue received due to a refund
11	and it may be an accounting error in
12	June of 2020 in the amount of \$1,291.70.
13	I move that the city council approve
14	the budget amendment's capital for 2020
15	reimbursements. Included with the
16	agenda, this is a motion. After the
17	second, this also requires a roll-call
18	vote.
19	MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
20	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.
21	MAYOR KELLY: Roll call, please?
22	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
23	Commissioner Franck?
24	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.
25	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:



1	Commissioner Madigan?
2	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.
3	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:
4	Commissioner Scirocco?
5	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.
6	SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL: Mayor
7	Kelly?
8	MAYOR KELLY: Aye.
9	The matter passes.
10	Commissioner
11	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.
12	MAYOR KELLY: Commissioner Madigan,
13	you did skip over number five.
14	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah.
15	MAYOR KELLY: It's a budget
16	transfers payroll. Just to let you know.
17	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Well, it's
18	not in my agenda notes, so it might take
19	me a minute, and I might have to come
20	back to it.
21	MAYOR KELLY: That's fine. I just
22	wanted to
23	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And I do know
24	that I am adding an item to my agenda,
25	which I think, looking here, give me



1	one second. Which I'm told I'm adding an
2	item, budget transfers payroll. Or maybe
3	I'm just missing the notes.
4	Okay. So there is an item on my
5	agenda called you see, I've got a very
6	small screen I'm working on, so I've got
7	notes with the agenda, but I don't have
8	the official agenda.
9	So item number five is I don't
10	have it. I don't have it in front of me.
11	MAYOR KELLY: Okay.
12	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Between the
13	Zoom and the notes. So is that an item
14	for budget transfers for payroll?
15	MAYOR KELLY: Yes. Number five,
16	yeah.
17	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.
18	MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.
19	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Then I'm
20	going to go back to that.
21	So item number five is a discussion
22	and vote, budget transfers payroll.
23	Lines one through eleven, adjust various
24	Department of Public Safety payroll lines
25	for sick leave, injured employees, and



1	education benefits.
2	I move that we approve the budget
3	transfers payroll. As uploaded with the
4	agenda, this is a motion.
5	MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
6	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
7	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
8	All those in favor say aye.
9	IN UNISON: Aye.
10	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
11	The matter passes.
12	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Great. I
13	guess that means now I'm on item number
14	seven, right?
15	MAYOR KELLY: Yes, correct.
16	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Thank
17	you. Need a bigger computer to keep more
18	things open.
19	Item number seven is budget
20	transfers contingency. Lines one through
21	two, transfer funds from contingency to
22	the Finance Department to cover March
23	storage costs for building, accounts, and
24	Finance Department documents that are
25	being stored by a storage company while



1	we're awaiting renovation of the city
2	hall basement storage. The contingency
3	budget appropriation currently has a
4	balance of \$236,485.83. Following
5	approval of this transfer, there will be
6	\$235,985.83 available.
7	I move that the city council approve
8	the budget transfers contingency. As
9	included with the agenda, this is a
10	motion.
11	MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
12	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
13	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
14	All those in favor say aye.
15	IN UNISON: Aye.
16	MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
17	The matter passes.
18	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
19	Mayor, council, for bearing with me
20	there. And that completes my agenda.
21	MAYOR KELLY: Okay. I had a number
22	eight. You're not doing that, or you're
23	taking that off?
24	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Oh, I do have
25	a number eight. Sorry.



1	MAYOR KELLY: That's okay.
2	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That I do
3	have on my notes. Sorry.
4	Okay. Item number eight is a
5	discussion. Commemoration in honor of
6	Matt McCabe, former Commissioner of
7	Finance, community leader, and good
8	Samaritan to all. So I wanted to discuss
9	with the council the idea of placing a
10	plaque in honor of Matt McCabe outside
11	the handicap entrance to city hall and
12	naming this area Matt McCabe Walkway,
13	along the ramp, especially since the ramp
14	is slated to be renovated.
15	As I understand it, Commissioner
16	Scirocco.
17	And I would like to take one of the
18	benches outside on Broadway. I'm
19	thinking the one maybe closer to city
20	hall. Matt had a few different Saratoga
21	guitar shops in this section of Broadway,
22	and one of them was very close to city
23	hall. And we always saw him out there
24	sitting on a bench, so I just think it
25	would be a great way to memorialize and



1	honor Matt McCabe by dedicating one of
2	these benches in honor of Matt. And we
3	could make the plaque say something
4	really nice about him and being
5	Commissioner of Finance and a good
6	Samaritan to all, community leader, and
7	have a walkway.
8	I did have a conversation with
9	Commissioner Franck's office about this
10	with Commissioner Franck. I believe he
11	also thinks this is a good idea. I meant
12	to get an email out to all of you. I'm
13	having a hard time coming together and
14	putting something together with the
15	Downtown Business Association. If that
16	comes together, great. I'd love the idea
17	of a guitar statue for Matt to honor and
18	memorialize him, but I also like the city
19	doing something on his behalf in front of
20	city hall and with one of our benches if
21	the rest of the council agrees.
22	I'll open that up for discussion.
23	MAYOR KELLY: I'm in total
24	agreement. He was a great guy, so I
25	think it's a nice gesture. Thank you,



1	Commissioner.
2	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Great.
3	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, I
4	think the walkway is a good idea.
5	Just an FYI, I know those benches
6	out there already have somebody's name or
7	them. I know they're already dedicated,
8	but I think we could find a spot. I got
9	some plans for that area. We'd talked
10	about issues with a flagpole. The two
11	flags that were on city hall were
12	destroying the front of the building, so
13	I don't believe we can put those back on.
14	If you look up on the second floor, you
15	can see where the bricks were starting to
16	deteriorate from those flags just from
17	the wind working those poles on the
18	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.
19	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: the
20	bricks. So we were talking about putting
21	a flagpole up in front with a little
22	planter. So we may be able to put the
23	plaque in that planter, too. So I
24	don't let's discuss a plan. I mean, I
25	don't want to I don't want to be



1	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.
2	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: premature
3	here with but yeah, I'm good with it.
4	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, we
5	can
6	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO:
7	(Indiscernible).
8	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: continue
9	discussions.
10	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: He was great
11	guy.
12	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. I do
13	like the idea of a bench, if there's some
14	way we
15	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.
16	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I mean,
17	typically the benches are dedicated to
18	people. I don't know if there's another
19	one we can fit on Broadway in this
20	area
21	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.
22	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: because
23	honestly that's how I got to know him so
24	well just walking back and forth and
25	sitting on the bench and talking to him.



1	He was always outside, and it was I'm
2	really going to miss seeing him outside
3	on the nice days to have a little
4	chitchat about city hall and city
5	politics and tell a story and anything
6	else that was going on at the time.
7	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I think we
8	can work out the bench thing.
9	MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.
10	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Great.
11	MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.
12	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: All right.
13	Well, that's it. That completes my
14	agenda. Thank you again for bearing with
15	me and my agenda.
16	MAYOR KELLY: Thank you
17	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: All right.
18	MAYOR KELLY: Commissioner.
19	On to Public Works, Commissioner
20	Scirocco.
21	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,
22	Mayor.
23	The first item on my agenda is
24	discussion and vote. This is SEQR
25	resolution for Loughberry Lake Dam



1	rehabilitation project. In August of
2	2019, the DEC reclassified the Loughberry
3	Lake Dam as a high-hazard, class C dam.
4	The dam had not received major upgrades
5	since the construction of Route 50 in the
6	1960s. The increase in classification
7	was appropriate due to the potential
8	consequences of a dam failure. This
9	higher classification does, however,
10	allow the city to be eligible for FEMA
11	funding to complete the approximate 6.7
12	million-dollar rehabilitation.
13	The city hired Schnabel Engineering
14	of Clifton Park, New York, to bring the
15	dam up into compliance by designing
16	repairs to address the current safety
17	deficiencies. This includes a new
18	principle spillway, water supply
19	connection, rock-fill stabilization of
20	the upstream embankment slope, in
21	addition to other necessary improvements.
22	As project sponsor, the city must
23	comply with the State Environmental
24	Quality Review Act. That's a SEQR. This
25	requires Schnabel to process a joint



1	application to the New York State DEC and
2	the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for
3	permits effecting streams, waterways,
4	water bodies, and wetlands. Schnabel has
5	determined that the proposed project is
6	classified as a type 2 action and is
7	exempt from further SEQR review. In
8	order to seek much-needed funding
9	assistance, the city council must submit
10	the required documentation and pass a
11	resolution stating that SEQR is
12	satisfied. And again, the resolution was
13	distributed with the agenda.
14	So therefore, I request the council
15	to pass the resolution supporting this
16	type 2 classification of Loughberry Lake
17	Dam rehabilitation project. And that's
18	in the form of a motion.
19	MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
20	COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
21	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
22	All those in favor say aye.
23	IN UNISON: Aye.
24	MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.
25	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The second



1	item on my agenda is just to set a public
2	hearing for the 2021 water and sewer rate
3	resolution. And that will be, I believe,
4	at the next city council meeting.
5	About five minutes I think, Lisa.
6	MAYOR KELLY: Lisa Ribis, did you
7	hear that?
8	MS. RIBIS: We we can do 6:55 on
9	the 16th.
10	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: 6:55
11	MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.
12	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: okay.
13	Thank you.
14	Third item on my agenda is
15	discussion and vote. This is to amend
16	the 2021 capital budget to include
17	reimbursement to city hall building
18	project number 1141. In June of 2020, PC
19	00200439-00 was issued to Systems
20	Management Planning for fabric extenders
21	for city hall. Due to a billing error
22	with Systems Management, a double payment
23	was made in the amount of \$1,291.70 on
24	this PO.



Therefore, I move to amend the 2021

1	capital budget for city hall buildings to
2	include \$1,291.70 with a reimbursement
3	from Systems Management and put that in
4	front of a motion.
5	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Commissioner?
6	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes?
7	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I think we're
8	amending the 2020 capital budget.
9	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The
10	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: At least,
11	that's what I am told. And your motion
12	is for the 2021, so I'm being asked to
13	have you revise the motion.
14	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Okay. So
15	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: 2020.
16	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: it'll be
17	2020. Okay.
18	Therefore, I move to amend the 2020
19	capital budget for city hall buildings to
20	include \$1,291.70 with a reimbursement
21	from Systems Management and put that in
22	the form of a motion.
23	MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
24	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
25	MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?



1	All those in favor say aye.
2	IN UNISON: Aye.
3	MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.
4	COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And that
5	concludes my agenda.
6	MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
7	Commissioner.
8	On to the supervisors. Supervisor
9	Veitch?
10	SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Thank you,
11	Mayor.
12	Just one item from me today on the
13	Veteran's Committee as an update from
14	that committee. They met yesterday at
15	Saratoga County. Just a couple of items
16	from them. One is that they are doing a
17	budget amendment for the continuation of
18	the Peer to Peer Program. We run that
19	here at Saratoga County, and it's an
20	assistance program for veterans.
21	And basically, what's happened is
22	it's usually funded through the State of
23	New York. And from the 2020 year, the
24	state has funded it in their budget, but
25	they have not yet released the funding in



1	Saratoga County for running that program.
2	So as of right now, we are kind of
3	running it with county funds, and we did
4	pass a resolution through that committee,
5	which will go to the full board later
6	this month, to continue funding that
7	program in full for the rest of the 2020
8	year as well for funding it for the 2021
9	year as well.
10	In addition to that, I just wanted
11	to mention that a constituent had
12	approached me earlier this year, earlier
13	last month regarding Memorial Day funding
14	that I believe the city has in its
15	budget. I did confirm with the deputy
16	mayor that there is a line in there for,
17	I believe, Memorial Day flags that we put
18	out at our grave sites for our veterans.
19	Again, this constituent came to me with
20	that item. I didn't even know that we
21	did that. But I did confirm that that
22	was something that was done, and I
23	believe there was a reduction in that
24	funding this year. So I've asked the
25	county to see if they can come in and try



1	to help with that and cover part of the
2	cost for that program for this year. I
3	proposed it actually as a county-wide
4	fund for our city as well as other towns
5	to try to help cover some of those costs.
6	It's not just us with budget
7	reductions and issues with other
8	communities, some of that stuff being
9	reduced this year. So I felt it was
10	something that maybe we could do to help
11	out, so I will as of right now, they
12	just appointed a subcommittee to kind of
13	study the issue, not do anything yet. So
14	I don't know if it's actually going to
15	pass or not, but I just wanted to let the
16	council know that it's something that
17	we're kind of working on here and
18	hopefully we can somehow assist in some
19	way with that little bit of funding from
20	our veterans program.
21	So just wanted to let you know, and
22	I will keep you posted as we go forward.
23	I've got a couple of proposals on how we
24	can possibly share this amount throughout
25	all the county. So that's just it from

1	me for today, and just that's it. Thank
2	you. That's my agenda.
3	MAYOR KELLY: (Indiscernible)
4	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I just want
5	to say thanks. That's great. I wanted
6	to thank you, Supervisor Veitch. Thank
7	you
8	SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Oh.
9	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: very much
10	for even looking at that and looking into
11	it. And for the whole county, right
12	SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Well, I didn't
13	know anything about it until somebody
14	came to me, so
15	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.
16	MAYOR KELLY: So may I say
17	something
18	SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yes, ma'am.
19	MAYOR KELLY: about the flags? I
20	asked a couple of business owners in the
21	city, and we have covered that cost.
22	SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Oh, great.
23	MAYOR KELLY: But going forward, it
24	would be great to share that cost. But
25	that



1	SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Okay.
2	MAYOR KELLY: did take care of
3	that, so as far as going forward, it'd be
4	helpful to do that. But for the
5	immediate right now, I did take care of
6	that. So I just wanted to let you know.
7	SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Okay. Thank
8	you. Well, if it does pass, there may
9	even be some more funding available to
10	the city for that for other veterans
11	MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.
12	SUPERVISOR VEITCH: honorary
13	things that we might do. So not just the
14	immediate thing but something else, as
15	well. So thank you.
16	MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.
17	Supervisor Gaston?
18	SUPERVISOR GASTON: Thank you.
19	The first item on my agenda is just
20	a COVID-19 update.
21	Sorry if this is echoey.
22	MAYOR KELLY: You're a little
23	SUPERVISOR GASTON: Our numbers
24	are
25	MAYOR KELLY: You are a little



1	echoey. Why are you in the hall?
2	SUPERVISOR GASTON: To avoid sitting
3	in the same room with Supervisor
4	Veitch
5	MAYOR KELLY: Oh, okay.
6	SUPERVISOR GASTON: during
7	MAYOR KELLY: I thought you were at
8	home. I'm sorry. That's okay.
9	SUPERVISOR GASTON: No, thank you.
10	I was trying to avoid my puppy from
11	interfering in council business. So
12	MAYOR KELLY: That's good. Thank
13	you.
14	SUPERVISOR GASTON: is it
15	interfering in your ability to hear me?
16	MAYOR KELLY: No, I think it's okay.
17	It's just a little
18	SUPERVISOR GASTON: Okay.
19	MAYOR KELLY: but we can live
20	with it.
21	SUPERVISOR GASTON: Thank you.
22	So COVID-19 update, our numbers are
23	improving. They continue to improve.
24	Our positivity rate on a rolling basis is
25	down 2.4, which is better than it's been.



This is a result of the city and the
county, everyone, working together to
maintain follow the guidance, stay home
when you're ill, et cetera. So this is
good, and we need to continue in this
fashion.

Because we are continuing to do so well, the governor has expanded some of the guidelines. And today I met with a number of facilities around the city and the county. The County Chamber of Commerce and Discover Saratoga held kind of a brief forum with a lot of the questions about the opening guidance for events from people from 50 to 150 in attendance.

Some of the details of that still need to be worked out, but the health department is getting some clarification from the state. And fortunately, it looks like -- there are a lot of issues that are going to prevent our events from working the way that we want to, but Public Health is working very hard to make sure that we can open them, and at

1	least, from the county's perspective,
2	will put as few barriers as possible.
3	And we're hoping to connect them testing
4	and the like to be able to have events as
5	soon as we can get it.
6	And obviously, I think there are
7	going to be some adjustments that are
8	going to be needed in order to make the
9	details practicable. Obviously, we have
10	city facilities that are rented out for
11	events, and we also have a number of

County Public Health Department wants to
be able to support and work with these
businesses to get them open safely and as

locations around. We rely on a lot of

events in the community, and so the

quickly as possible for our health,

mental, physical, and otherwise.

To that end, the best route to getting us opened quickly and safely and removing a lot of these barriers is vaccination. Currently, our supplies are unfortunately still limited in Saratoga County. This is something we work on on a daily basis. However, they are

1	starting to increase. I do know that
2	President Biden indicated today that
3	Merck will also be producing the Johnson
4	& Johnson one-dose vaccine, and he
5	believes that, based on this work
6	together, that there's going to be enough
7	vaccine to inoculate all adults in the
8	United States by the end of May.
9	We're fully on board. I will say
10	that each week when we put in our order
11	we put in an order for as many as we can
12	get. We're not getting as many as we're
13	ordering, but we're going to keep going.
14	And I am hopeful, based on the numbers
15	that we're seeing and the way that New
16	York State is starting to distribute
17	that, fingers crossed, we may be able to
18	open a mass-vax site within the next
19	couple of weeks and get people through as
20	quickly as possible.
21	There are a lot of appointments
22	opening at state sites. So for those
23	that are eligible but are also able to
24	drive to Albany, I do strongly recommend
25	that. They are also offering the Johnson

1	& Johnson shot there, as well, starting,
2	I believe, next week at their state-run
3	sites.
4	So these are all ways to get people
5	vaccinated quickly. Hotel and restaurant
6	workers, which are also a big part of our
7	economy here in Saratoga Springs, are
8	currently eligible. Again, we do not
9	have the doses at the county to vaccinate
10	all of the populations, but they are
11	eligible to go to state sites, as well.
12	I also strongly recommend that
13	individuals who are eligible sign up at
14	the county's vaccine interest list at
15	Saratogacountyny.gov/vax, V-A-X. This is
16	where, as vaccine doses are available,
17	sometimes the state requires us to use a
18	certain number for a certain population.
19	And we're pulling from that list, and
20	it's been a very efficient and effective
21	way to get people in.
22	We're also using it there are
23	some pharmacies that have reached out to
24	try and work with us to support vaccines
25	in certain communities that would allow

us t	o focus	on	other	areas,	an	nd we	are
also	provid	ing	inform	mation	on	that	from
that	list.						

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interested in obtaining a vaccine, please make sure to sign up. We have amended the interest list as the guidances change. For instance, the governor just announced that food pantries and those that do home-delivered meals are also eligible, and so we've added that. That way, as soon as we can, we can make sure to get each of these groups vaccinated.

We do have the president, in announcing the engagement with Merck and Johnson & Johnson, did also indicate that they are going to be directing states to prioritize teachers. I will say, in Saratoga County, we've already at the forefront of some of that. We were the first county in the state to partner with BOCES to train school staff to also be able to administer vaccines to their own staff so that our schools could be as safe as possible as quickly as possible.

1	So I'm also frustrated by the number
2	of doses that we have in Saratoga County,
3	and I certainly handle that and deal with
4	that question on a daily basis. But I
5	will tell you that our public health
6	department is ready to go as soon as
7	possible. And actually within the next
8	few days, we'll be running a rehearsal at
9	the City Center because we believe that
10	we're close enough to potentially getting
11	that many doses that we want to start
12	doing dry runs and rehearsals so that we
13	can get that up and running in a matter
14	of hours.
15	Are there any questions about
16	COVID-19?
17	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Well, you
18	know I've sent out an email on city hall.
19	City hall employees deal with the public
20	regularly, so we have people coming in
21	and out of city hall. The courts are
22	still open. We have people walking
23	through the hallways. And I don't know;
24	what's the best way to advocate or just
25	wait? These are people who deal with the



1	public regularly, for this group to be on
2	board to be vaccinated. I mean, like May
3	does not seem that far off to me, so
4	that's a really positive thing to hear
5	that we think we're going to have all
6	adults vaccinated by the end of May.
7	We're already into March. It's just a
8	few more months of sort of waiting.
9	But I really I think it's
10	important. There's a lot of people that
11	still are required to interact with the
12	public, even if we are, quote, "closed to
13	the public". So I'm just curious. I'm
14	going to advocate for city hall
15	employees.
16	SUPERVISOR GASTON: Absolutely. I
17	think that's important. And for anyone
18	who's watching who isn't aware, elected
19	officials as a class are not eligible at
20	this time, and that can be a risk and
21	concern as we're trying to make sure that
22	our governments are open to the public.
23	Same is for supervisors as a class and
24	most of our county staff are also not
25	eligible. Those that are, obviously,



1	it's as a result of health conditions,
2	though not necessarily information that I
3	have.
4	I do think it's important to
5	advocate. All of the eligibility
6	categories are determined by New York
7	State, and I think it's important and a
8	part of our regular advocacy for VLT aid,
9	et cetera, to advocate for that
10	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.
11	SUPERVISOR GASTON: so that we
12	can make sure that our governments are
13	open but also the people who are working
14	in our offices: the council,
15	supervisors, and all of our staff who are
16	working very hard to keep government
17	going in a very difficult time. They
18	need to be safe, as well. And the people
19	that come into city hall need to know
20	that they're coming into a place that is
21	as safe as possible.
22	So I absolutely agree. That is
23	something that I have passed along in my
24	conversations with the governor's office,
25	as well. And I think that's probably the

1	best way to get it done is to continue to
2	advocate for it. I will say directly
3	with chamber is probably the best.
4	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Who?
5	SUPERVISOR GASTON: Directly with
6	the chamber, with the executive chamber.
7	Most of those decisions
8	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Thank
9	you. I
10	SUPERVISOR GASTON: are being
11	made at that level.
12	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, I
13	couldn't hear actually what you were
14	saying, but yes.
15	SUPERVISOR GASTON: Sorry.
16	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: All right.
17	Because that was going to be my next
18	question. I mean, I've got another
19	I've got two people quarantined right
20	now. It's constant, and small staffs and
21	people getting quarantined because COVID.
22	They're coming up positive or somebody in
23	their family or somebody that they came
24	into contact with. So I do want to be
25	able to advocate for these people.



1	SUPERVISOR GASTON: Absolutely. I
2	think it only gets harder, the closer we
3	get to that May and hearing that
4	everybody's going to be vaccinated it's
5	harder.
6	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.
7	SUPERVISOR GASTON: But I agree, and
8	I support that advocacy. I think that
9	people need to feel safe coming in and
10	dealing with our government and our
11	government staff and
12	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.
13	SUPERVISOR GASTON: workers need
14	to be safe, as well.
15	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That's what I
16	think, too. Thank you, Tara. Thank you
17	for all your work on this, too.
18	SUPERVISOR GASTON: Okay. The
19	second item on my agenda, much like was
20	discussed earlier, the county was also
21	required to engage in the executive order
22	(indiscernible) process. Our
23	recommendations were published on the
24	county's website along with the
25	background material, including survey



1	responses and the recommendations from
2	the committee.
3	We're accepting public comment
4	through this Friday, March 5th, at 4:25
5	p.m. Those comments can all be directed
6	to publiccomment@saratogacountyny.gov.
7	That is, at this time, the only method
8	for accepting public comment on these
9	recommendations.
10	Most of the recommendations I would
11	say are actually pretty positive,
12	although I would say that Saratoga
13	Springs is ahead of most of them. For
14	instance, items such as body camera and
15	car cameras were recommended to be
16	considered. I know the city obviously
17	has that, and I know Supervisor Veitch
18	earlier reviewed that as a part of his
19	work on the county before I arrived. I
20	would say that doesn't need to be a
21	suggestion. That needs to be something
22	that's implemented.
23	In addition, there are items such as
24	collecting demographic data. I know the

city has some of that already, as well as

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1	engaging in de-escalation training.
2	Those are things that are not currently
3	part of the county processes and
4	policies. And I think those are good
5	recommendations, but I think we should
6	make them stronger.
7	In order to get some feedback on it
8	especially since the public comment
9	period is so short, I'm having a public
10	forum primarily devoted to this subject
11	on March the 10th at 6:30 p.m. It will
12	be virtual, so through Facebook Live.
13	And all of the information is also
14	published on my Facebook as well as a
15	brief survey. So for those who either
16	can't or are not interested in coming to
17	the forum, you can answer some questions
18	about what you think about the
19	recommendations. And if there are any
20	other actions that you think should be
21	taken, this will help me and the other
22	supervisors as I present the information
23	that I receive when we are looking to
24	vote on our recommendations on March the
25	16th, as well.



1	So again, the public forum is on
2	March the 10th. And if you want to
3	submit public comment to the board
4	directly as a whole, it will be March 5th
5	is the end date of that.
6	And that's all tonight. That
7	concludes my agenda.
8	MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Supervisor.
9	Any other business from the council?
10	Thank
11	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: No.
12	MAYOR KELLY: you. Have a good
13	night, and I will see you
14	COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.
15	MAYOR KELLY: around city hall.
16	(Meeting adjourned)
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