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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

April 4, 2022

Held at

474 BROADWAY

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK 12866

PRESENT:

RON KIM, Mayor

DILLON MORAN, Commissioner of

Accounts

MINITA SANGHVI, Commissioner of

Finance

JAMES MONTAGNINO, Commissioner of

Public Safety

ANGELA RELLA, Deputy Mayor

HEATHER CROCKER, Deputy Commissioner

of Finance

JOSEPH J. O'NEILL, III, Deputy

Commissioner of Public Works

STACY CONNORS, Deputy Commissioner of

1 Accounts

2 MAYOR KIM: Let's call the meeting
3 to order and Commissioner Moran can you
4 do a roll call?

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yup. Mayor
6 Kim?

7 MAYOR KIM: Here.

8 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Commissioner
9 Sanghvi.

10 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I'm here.

11 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Commissioner
12 Montagnino.

13 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Yo.

14 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Commissioner
15 Scirocco, I believe is absent, and
16 Commissioner Moran is present.

17 MAYOR KIM: Thank you,
18 Commissioner. I'm just gonna go through
19 the -- call the meeting to order. It's
20 9:04. For public hearings for the April
21 5th meeting, we have the Civilian Review
22 Board as the first hearing, then next is
23 the Community Development Block Grant
24 Recommendations. After that, we've

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2 asked the public to comment on possible
3 amendments to the Unified Development
4 Ordinance that was passed last City
5 Council meeting. The next is the Public
6 Hearing on Traffic Control at the
7 Caroline Street School. And the final
8 is the Weibel Avenue PUD Amendment. The
9 public hearings by the way, start at
10 6:30. Then we go through our usual roll
11 call, et cetera. There's a public
12 comment period for 15 minutes, and then
13 we have one presentation for the Climate
14 Smart Task Force. Anyone else have any
15 presentations to add at this point?
16 Hearing none, we move on to the consent
17 agenda and I'll ask, is there any
18 additions to the consent agenda by the
19 City Council members? Hearing none,
20 I'll move on to our agenda. The Mayor's
21 Department, we have an announcement that
22 Keith Kaplan is -- is after 14 years
23 incredible tenure, the Zoning Board of
24 Appeals is -- is -- is passing the
25 baton, so to speak, and is retiring from
 the Board. The next in that is the

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announcement of our chair of the Zoning
2 Board of Appeals and that's Gage
3 Simpson, who's been on the Board several
4 years now. And then we're also making
5 an appointment to the Ethics Board that
6 is our staff person, Susan Barden, who
7 has graciously agreed to come on board
8 now that Kevin Kling has retired. So
9 those are the items on the Mayor's
10 Department agenda. I'll pass it over to
11 the Accounts Commissioner for his
12 agenda.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Excuse me,
14 mayor, before you do that. I think we
15 have a --

16 MAYOR KIM: I don't wanna include
17 anything at this point, Angela.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Okay.

19 MAYOR KIM: We'll -- we'll -- we'll
20 -- we may add some -- a few things that
21 -- and we'll sort of add, inform the
22 City Council.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Okay. Thanks.

24 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay. Great.
25 Very brief, this week we have an award

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bid for EMS equipment and service to
2 Stryker Corporation. I'm going to have
3 essentially just an announcement about
4 the relaunch of our special events in
5 recognition of just how well everyone
6 worked together to -- to pull off the
7 Chowder Fest, it's been two years and to
8 have all of our departments come
9 together, that the way that they did and
10 have really an issue free day with
11 30,000 people and all the roads shut
12 down, somehow the world didn't stop
13 turning, somehow there wasn't blood on
14 the streets. I -- I really look at that
15 as -- as being a reflection of the work
16 that we're doing together. And -- and
17 it's a good reflection on not only us,
18 but -- but our constituents and everyone
19 who came out, you know, there's been a
20 lot of negativity and I think we need to
21 start being positive about the things
22 that are going well and -- and
23 advocating and putting that message out
24 to the community. So that's gonna be
25 very much a thank to everyone, and

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2 that's how that will roll. I'm gonna
3 give an announcement on outdoor dining.
4 As you know, there have been a couple of
5 upsets to the plan that was already put
6 in place. Those issues have been
7 resolved. We'll be moving forward. I
8 appreciate the Department of Public
9 Works and -- and rather Commissioner
10 Sciocco who is interested in continuing
11 to try and support this. It's very
12 touching and it just goes to show you
13 what a great person he is. Next item is
14 discussion and vote. We have our fee
15 schedule presented and so we'll be
16 bringing that forward. And last bit is
17 just a COVID update. And that will be
18 the completion of my agenda this week.

18 MAYOR KIM: Sorry about that. I
19 was talking to myself. Thanks,
20 Commissioner Moran. Now we'll go to
21 Commissioner Sanghvi for the Finance
22 Department agenda.

23 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Yes. Hi
24 everybody. Can you hear me fine? Okay.
25 All right. I have nine items on the

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finance agenda. I do wanna say that
2 Megan and I, our families are thinking
3 of the Scirocco family and wishing them
4 the best. They are in our thoughts and
5 prayers. And now I'll get to my agenda.
6 Sorry, give me a second, it's right
7 here. So we have an announcement on
8 participatory budgeting. It's gonna be
9 a pilot program in the first year. We
10 have a discussion and vote on the
11 resolution to establish an assignment
12 for participatory budgeting. We have an
13 update on city finances, which is what
14 I've been doing every meeting. So it's
15 basically just the same with new updates
16 on finance figures as we get them. We
17 have a discussion and vote on finance
18 policy and procedure manual,
19 specifically regarding payroll
20 distribution, payroll preparation
21 distribution and time sheets, as well as
22 paying invoices. There is a discussion
23 and vote to an approval to pay voucher
24 reimbursement to Kevin Kling in the
25 amount of \$52.98 cents for IT costs that

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2 required a credit card. There's a
3 discussion and vote and approval to pay
4 mileage reimbursement to Jeff Cornick in
5 the amount of \$31.36 cents for city
6 related travel. There's a discussion
7 and vote and authorization for the mayor
8 to sign agreement with Keeper Security
9 Incorporated for password security
10 services. There's a discussion and vote
11 on budget transfers with benefits and a
12 discussion and vote with budget
13 transfers for payroll. That is the end
14 of the finance agenda.

14 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Commissioner
15 Sanghvi. Next, we'll move on to the
16 Public Works agenda and Joe O'Neill.

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER O'NEILL, III:
18 Yep. Thank you, mayor. Item number one
19 will be a discussion and vote
20 authorization for the mayor to sign a
21 contract with Palette. Item number
22 two, discussion and vote authorization
23 for mayor to sign a change order with
24 Jersen Construction, who have been
25 working at the water treatment plant on

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the Raw Water Intake Project. Item
2 number three, discussion and vote
3 approve to pay invoice with BPI
4 Mechanical. And then we're just gonna
5 have two announcements on our agenda.
6 One for debris pickup, and a flushing
7 notice about the water distribution
8 system and that'll end our agenda.

9 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Joe. I
10 appreciate that. Please send our best
11 to Commissioner Scirocco, as
12 Commissioner Sanghvi mentioned, we are
13 all thinking about him, and our thoughts
14 and prayers are with him and his family.
15 Next we'll move on to the Public Safety
16 agenda, Commissioner Montagnino.

17 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank
18 you, Mr. Mayor. I would like to begin
19 the agenda with something not on there
20 at the moment. I'd just like to have an
21 announcement as to the status of station
22 three. I believe that by the time of
23 our council meeting, we'll be able to
24 announce that the RFPs are out for --
25 for bidding. If that is the case, then

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1 I'd like to be able to announce that and
2 if not, I'd like to explain what the
3 timetable would be. The other six
4 items, discussion and vote authorization
5 for the mayor to sign a contract with
6 Upstate Polygraph Services. These are
7 for the polygraph examinations done for
8 those applying for the position of
9 police officer. Discussion and vote
10 authorization of the mayor to sign a
11 contract with Saratoga County EMS
12 Council. This has to do with training
13 of EMTs for the county by our fire
14 department. Discussion and vote
15 authorization for mayor to sign a major
16 contract with Saratoga County. This
17 relates to COVID-19 services by the fire
18 department and EMS Services. Discussion
19 and vote authorization for the mayor to
20 sign two lease agreements with Ricoh.
21 This has to do with copy machines in the
22 Public Safety Department. Discussion
23 and vote authorization for --
24 authorization to use 2021 budget monies
25 for Stryker purchases. These -- these

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involve purchases of equipment for the
2 fire department air packs and the like,
3 and a discussion and vote authorization
4 for the mayor to sign agreement with
5 Stryker. That's the same company that
6 supplies us with necessary equipment for
7 the fire department on a going forward
8 basis. And that's the extent of our
9 agenda.

10 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Commissioner
11 Montagnino. I wanted to take a second
12 to ask the council what they thought
13 about this issue. We've been contacted
14 by the council at the Ukrainian Council
15 General. This happened literally, I
16 think it was Friday and Angela can
17 certainly add in if I'm missing any
18 facts. They've asked us, we have a
19 prior sister city relationship with
20 Chekhov, Russia. They have asked us to
21 sort of terminate that relationship. My
22 inclination is of course, you know, we
23 all are concerned about what's happening
24 in -- in Ukraine and are horrified at,
25 you know, the actions by Russia. My

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inclination is to set a public hearing
2 on this prior to taking any sort of
3 formal City Council action. And I just
4 wanted to see, get a sense of -- so --
5 so that one of the agenda items that we
6 would add would be public caring for the
7 next City Council meeting to -- to
8 solicit, you know, input from our
9 community. There was a decision -- this
10 goes back to, I think the 2000s, I
11 believe it was Mayor Klotz who initiated
12 the relationship with Chekhov. And I
13 even think there was an exchange. I
14 don't know, don't quote me on that, but
15 I think there was even some kind of
16 exchange. But I wanted to get a sense
17 of the council, if we would want to just
18 actually move on this recommendation, I
19 would distribute the letter, of course,
20 to all the City Council members, or
21 would you prefer to have a city -- a
22 public hearing to elicit input, which
23 would of course, you know, move this to
24 the next City Council meeting. Any --
25 any sense of that from people?

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1 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I think we
2 should hear what the public has to say
3 before we make this decision. I think
4 that makes sense. A lot of people may
5 be invested in both sides and hearing
6 about it is only gonna make us better
7 informed on the situation.

8 MAYOR KIM: Anyone else?

9 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I agree
10 wholeheartedly with the sentiment
11 expressed by Commissioner Sanghvi. I
12 think we do need to hear what the
13 feelings of the people are. Personally,
14 I can see a -- an internal conflict and
15 that being, we really have no beef with
16 the Russian people. It's the Russian
17 government and the decisions that have
18 been made by -- by Putin. It's not the
19 citizens of our sister city that we have
20 any complaint with. So certainly the
21 decision to sever or maintain ties is an
22 important one because it does send a
23 message. I know that we are united in
24 our support of Ukraine, and I would like
25 to hear what the people have to say

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about this issue.

2 MAYOR KIM: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Moran?

4 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah, I
5 completely agree.

6 MAYOR KIM: So I will add to the
7 mayor's agenda to set a public hearing
8 on the request from the Ukrainian
9 Council General to terminate our
10 relationship with Chekhov and -- and
11 we'll hear from the public next City
12 Council meeting, but I appreciate that
13 input. So that's all I had. And I
14 don't know if there's any other
15 additions, changes to the agenda for any
16 other City Council members, but I think
17 we can adjourn if not. Anything else
18 from anyone? Great. So we can adjourn.
19 It's now 9:18 and thanks -- thanks
20 everyone for attending. I appreciate
21 it.

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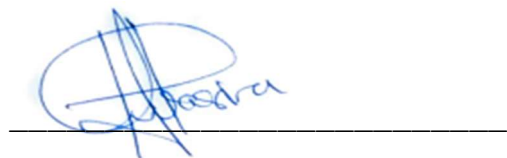
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