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CITY OF SARASOTA SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

April 19, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

- Meg Kelly, Mayor
- Michele Madigan, Commissioner
- John P. Franck, Commissioner
- Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner
- Robin Dalton, Commissioner
- Vincent DeLeonardis, City Attorney

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MAYOR KELLY: Good morning, and welcome to pre-agenda, Monday, April 19th. It is now 10 a.m.

This is our -- we have four -- one, two, three -- four public hearings -- five public hearings tomorrow evening starting at 6:55.

The first public hearing is to amend Chapter 225, Alternate Side Parking on Clinton Street.

The second public hearing is to amend Chapter 225, Parking Prohibited on Adams Road.

Commissioner Dalton, would you like to say anything on those?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Nope, not at this time.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Okay.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: But that's correct. Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: The third public hearing is Saratoga Springs Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee Recommendations for 2021 Annual Block

1 Grant Action Plan.

2 The fourth public hearing is to
3 amend Chapter 225, Section 225-81 of the
4 City Code. And that's under public
5 safety.

6 And the fifth public hearing is to
7 amend Chapter 225, Section 225-94 of the
8 City Code. And that's also under public
9 safety.

10 And they will all start at 6:55.

11 The -- any -- we will have a
12 presentation tomorrow evening with the --
13 about the Unified Development Ordinance,
14 the final draft release. Kameris (ph.)
15 will be -- will be joining us tomorrow
16 during the meeting to present the summary
17 of major changes that are reflected in
18 this final draft. Kameris and the
19 project team will also be available this
20 week for the following presentations:
21 April 21, 2021 at 2 p.m., public
22 presentation and Q and A; April 22 at
23 9:30 a.m., that's a public presentation
24 and a Q and A; April 22nd at 6 p.m., City
25 Land Use's Board presentation. And these

1 are all by Zoom.

2 Today we will upload the final draft
3 documents to the city website. The maps
4 will be uploaded in the next day or two.
5 At the first meeting in May, I will ask
6 the council to determine merit for review
7 and request advisory opinions from the
8 city and county planning boards and the
9 Design Review Commission.

10 During the coming weeks, additional
11 opportunities for discussion of the final
12 draft will be scheduled for the council
13 and the public. There will also be a
14 public comment link on this page.

15 We will have an executive session
16 and collective bargaining negotiations,
17 Saratoga PDA, after this. Is everybody
18 available?

19 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Sure.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

22 Any changes or edits to the consent
23 agenda?

24 Okay. Then we'll move right into
25 the Mayor's Department.

1 My first item is an Announcement:
2 the 2022 Capital Program Committee
3 Meetings. My second item is an
4 Announcement: Geysers Road Trail Opening -
5 Thursday April 22nd, which is also Earth
6 Day.

7 My third item is Discussion and
8 Vote: Approval to Pay Portion of Invoice
9 #3880 to Nelcorp Electrical Contracting.
10 This is a recreation department request
11 to pay fifty percent, 2,460 of the
12 invoice #3880 for Nelcorp Electrical
13 Contracting, 35 North Kelly Avenue in
14 Endwell, New York. The Saratoga Springs
15 School District will pay the other 50
16 percent.

17 My fourth item is Discussion and
18 Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to sign
19 2021 State of New York Department of
20 Health Renewal Application for a Permit
21 to Operate Camp Saradac.

22 My fifth item is Discussion and
23 Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to sign
24 the contract with All America -- American
25 Arena Products for the Vernon Area Dasher

1 boards.

2 My sixth item is Discussion and
3 Vote: SEQR for Missing Links Project.

4 My seventh item is Discussion and
5 Vote: Approval to -- for Mayor to Sign
6 DEC01-T00972GG-3350000 Contract for EV
7 Vehicle Reimbursement.

8 My eighth item is Discussion and
9 Vote: Zoning Amendment Request, Merit for
10 Review and Referral for Advisory opinions
11 - the YMCA PUD.

12 And I -- I didn't know if, Vince,
13 you wanted to say anything this morning
14 or do you want to wait?

15 MR. DELEONARDIS: Just -- just
16 briefly, if you want me to, Mayor.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

18 MR. DELEONARDIS: This is the YMCA
19 PUD. It's a merit for review referral
20 with regard to certain proposed
21 amendments. Some of the amendments are
22 quite simply just -- just clarifying
23 language, cleaning up some typographical
24 errors that are contained in there.

25 But the real crux of the PUD

1 amendment is to add additional permitted
2 uses, including youth and family
3 services, senior programming and elder
4 care, sports and recreation, and
5 preschool and school-age educational
6 programs, which are in fact consistent
7 with the YMCA mission.

8 So tomorrow evening, the council
9 will -- will have a discussion and vote.
10 And if the vote is in the affirmative, it
11 will go to the planning board for
12 advisory opinions.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Vince.

14 Any questions?

15 Then that does it for the Mayor's
16 Department, and I'll turn it over to
17 Commissioner Franck.

18 Do you have anything, sir?

19 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: We're just
20 going to add one item, a reminder that
21 Grievance Day 2021 will be on Tuesday,
22 May 25th. So it'll be a very brief item,
23 just one item.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Great, thank you.

25 And on to finance, Commissioner

1 Madigan.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
3 Mayor.

4 The first item is an update on city
5 finances. This is our ongoing report on
6 city revenue, expenses, cash flow, as
7 well as the status of federal and state
8 funding.

9 My second item is a discussion about
10 SIFI Networks Broadband - CityWide
11 project and moving forward. So this is
12 the CityWide SIFI Networks Broadband
13 Project. I want to get it moving
14 forward. As of today -- as of late last
15 week, we're at a standstill waiting on
16 DPW to sign off on what is known as a
17 standard engineering design. The project
18 will bring a substantial increase in
19 services and competition to the city,
20 businesses, and residents. It is a
21 complicated project that requires
22 interdepartmental cooperation,
23 particularly between DPW, finance, and
24 IT.

25 We are doing our best to make it

1 work for all without burdening any one
2 department or agency. The benefits far
3 outweigh any work required. And I'm
4 happy with the initiative of our
5 departments and of IT and DPW to bring
6 fiber to the city.

7 However, SIFI requires, actually by
8 today, maybe tomorrow, I heard from them
9 last week, I hear from them regularly as
10 we're trying to work through the standard
11 details, approval on those standard
12 details. We have been in working in good
13 faith with SIFI for nearly five years.
14 We've had two contracts come before the
15 city council that were unanimously
16 adopted. Their business and financial
17 model is evolving. And they have worked
18 in other cold weather climates. Approval
19 of the standard engineering details does
20 not preclude SIFI from all other
21 approvals required going forward
22 especially as it pertains to permitting.
23 And they are now operating and will be
24 having further announcements in twenty
25 cities with more coming online in the

1 United States.

2 So I wanted to have this on the
3 agenda today, possibly tomorrow night,
4 because it does seem like we're at a
5 standstill with DPW.

6 So Commissioner Scirocco, if you
7 have any potential issues, I think we
8 should start to discuss them with the
9 council because we met with them a couple
10 weeks ago, you were unable to attend, and
11 from what I can tell, we have met every
12 criteria we need to meet right now, and
13 it's time for us to approve the standard
14 engineering details so that we can move
15 the project to the next step.

16 So I wanted this on a discussion for
17 this morning because if there are any
18 other issues I'm unaware of I'm -- I
19 would like to hear from you about them.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Okay. You
21 done?

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I can't hear
23 you.

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: We have --
25 we've reached out to them a number of

1 times. I know you said that they've met
2 all the criteria, but they haven't met
3 the criteria.

4 Again, they're going to be ripping
5 up all the city's -- every street in the
6 city. We've asked them for a set of
7 details stamped engineer plans and they
8 haven't -- they haven't given us that
9 yet.

10 And I can tell you every town, every
11 place that they're working in, we've --
12 we've reached out to. The people are --
13 are -- are telling us don't do it. Don't
14 do it. And I got to let -- I have back
15 up and I'd be glad to give it to you.
16 You know, the one -- the -- especially in
17 Anchorage, Alaska, we -- after one year,
18 and I'll show you the pictures, what the
19 microtrenching has done, is just not --
20 it just doesn't work.

21 I'm not going to let anybody work in
22 the right-of-way until we get a set of
23 stamped detail plans. So we asked them
24 for that. I don't know what the problem
25 is, why they can't give us that.

1 So that's kind of where we're at,
2 we're at a standstill. I need --

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I'm told they
4 have submitted standard details to you --

5 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Wait, wait,
6 wait. I need to know, you know, where
7 they're going to be working and -- and
8 what they're going to be doing. They're
9 going to be ripping up -- I can't tell
10 you how bad they're going to be ripping
11 up the street --

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: We know
13 exactly what microtrenching is. We've
14 been working on this contract for five
15 years. They have submitted standard
16 details to you. You contacted a firm, a
17 company, that did some work for them back
18 in November, you never followed up with
19 them to tell them about the reference
20 that you got back in November. We've
21 been on the phone more times than not.
22 It is a complicated project, nobody is
23 saying that it isn't. They will micro-
24 trench on every single city street. They
25 are in multiple cities.

1 It's time to approve this standard
2 stamped detail engineering. We have the
3 insurance. And this just moves us to the
4 next step. So if you are saying today
5 that you are not going to do that, then
6 this project is going to go away
7 effectively at the end of the day today.

8 I think it's time to approve the
9 standard engineering details and at least
10 move this project to the next step.

11 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Well,
12 engineering is saying -- and this is
13 coming from engineering, this is not
14 coming from me, it's coming from
15 engineering, Bulcadian Debt (ph.), who
16 have worked on this, I can't tell you how
17 many hours they -- they put into this --
18 and I mean, if you really want to see all
19 this information, I know I asked you to
20 meet with me on this, and apparently, you
21 know, I know we met with -- with SIFI,
22 but we never met one on one. And I think
23 we need to meet one on one because I can
24 show you everything that we have. And I
25 can tell you right now, it's not good,

1 it's not good. It's -- it's a big
2 mistake for the city to get involved in
3 this under the circumstances. They have
4 not given us what engineering has asked
5 them to give us.

6 We're not treating these people any
7 different than we would treat anybody
8 else. So I mean, you know, they keep
9 saying well an investor needs to know,
10 you know --

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: You're right.
12 It's a \$50 million project, so if you're
13 calling it quits right now, unilaterally,
14 we need to know that. Because I'm under
15 the impression, and I've been going to
16 all these meetings, that they have
17 submitted everything that is required of
18 them to move us to the next step. Which
19 does not preclude them from what's coming
20 forward which is -- in regards to
21 permitting.

22 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: They have
23 not.

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And I have
25 asked Vince to be ready to discuss

1 this --

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: They have
3 not.

4 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- because
5 we've been working on this for five
6 years.

7 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Me too.

8 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I mean, so
9 much time, energy, and effort negotiating
10 these contracts with them. And you've
11 been invited to them, but you rarely show
12 up. I don't know if you've ever shown up
13 to a meeting with SIFI. And when we had
14 a meeting scheduled last time, you -- you
15 cancelled again the day before the
16 meeting. There's a pattern of them
17 scheduling meetings and you just
18 cancelling.

19 And so I think it behooves us -- at
20 this point, I believe that they have
21 indeed submitted stamped engineering
22 drawings from a licensed New York State
23 engineer. And this is not allowing them
24 to rip up the street. This is allowing
25 them to move to the next step.

1 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: What is the
2 next step, do you know what the next step
3 is? What is the next step?

4 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, it's
5 approving the standard engineering
6 drawings. That's the next -- that's --
7 that's what we need to do right now.

8 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: They want
9 to --

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And this is
11 an engineering project.

12 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That I -- you
14 know, I -- I mean, you seem to control
15 your engineers to the point where I can't
16 get them on the phone unless you approve
17 them being on the phone.

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That's a --

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So it's time
20 for us to meet with them in good faith.
21 We've been negotiating this project for
22 five years. And --

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Correct.

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- to
25 unilaterally just say I'm not going to

1 approve standard engineering details that
2 meet New York State stamped criteria, and
3 all the insurances have been submitted,
4 it just -- it seems like we need to move
5 this to the next step.

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Here --

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And I don't
8 know what it is because you're the
9 engineer. You control the engineering.
10 I think that's the permitting piece that
11 allows them to go in the streets to do
12 the microtrenching.

13 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And I think
14 you -- I think if you -- if you sit down
15 with me and you go over some of these --
16 some of the -- the information that we've
17 gotten back from some of the places that
18 they've done work in, and some of the
19 comments from other engineers that it
20 could be -- because we reach out to the
21 engineers in those specific towns, in
22 Anchorage and in California, and places
23 where these people have worked. It's not
24 a good -- we're not getting good feedback
25 is what I'm telling you.

1 And the fact that they're trying to
2 push this thing down our throat, you
3 know, with no -- with no stamped engineer
4 plans, that's a red flag.

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: They have
6 submitted stamped engineering --

7 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That is a
8 red -- red --

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- standard
10 detailed plans.

11 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It's not
12 what we've asked for. It's not what we
13 asked for.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I was copied
15 on it. I have a copy of it.

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It is not --

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: We got it on
18 4/8/2021.

19 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It's not
20 what we require. So if --

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Then did you
22 get back to them and say it wasn't
23 correct, or did you ignore it?

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Well --

25 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, so can -- can

1 you guys try to meet today and try to --

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: We'll do
3 it -- I'll show a set of standard plans.

4 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It's a --
5 it's a PE stamped document.

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: From the
7 company? And that's -- that's the way it
8 is. I haven't gotten that yet. For some
9 reason, they don't want to give it to us.
10 I don't know why. You know, it's --
11 again, I'm not treating these people any
12 different than we would treat any
13 contractor or anybody doing a project in
14 the city.

15 We always had, you know, that's --
16 that's been the standard.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: We're --
19 we're still waiting for them to give us
20 the information. It's -- we're still
21 open for a discussion on this.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So the bottom
23 line is if we don't approve this, and I
24 would say today, maybe tomorrow, maybe I
25 can have them on as a presentation

1 tomorrow night, like, the project's over.
2 And so you've unilaterally cancelled this
3 project because you're saying you didn't
4 receive stamped engineer documents. And
5 they're telling me -- they're texting me
6 right now -- that they sent them to you
7 on the 8th, exactly what you requested.

8 So what I'm asking is if we can just
9 move this to the next step so that we can
10 keep this project alive?

11 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: What they're
12 telling you and what we asked them for
13 are two different things. We were
14 specific --

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So then if
16 they didn't give you what you asked, how
17 come you're just not responding to them?
18 I'm under the impression they've given
19 you exactly what you've asked for. And I
20 know Marilyn (ph.) has asked for the
21 insurances, and they've given Marilyn
22 exactly what she's asked for.

23 FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Okay, fine.
25 That's fine. You know, they're the ones

1 that control their own destiny here, not
2 me. We asked them for --

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: This is our
4 destiny. This is about potentially
5 having fiber on every single street city-
6 wide. It is not going to be an easy
7 project, you're absolutely right,
8 National Grid was out microtrenching or
9 doing something in the road the other
10 day, and you know, it diverts tragic --
11 traffic. It's a big project.

12 And I think it behooves us to do
13 everything we can because we're never
14 going to get fiber any other way in the
15 ground, to continue to move this project
16 forward. And right now, what we're
17 asking for is to have stamped engineering
18 documents approved by DPW so that we can
19 move this project on to the next step.

20 And I -- Vince, I don't know if
21 you're online and can add anything to
22 this, but, like, this is the do or die
23 time right now.

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The --
25 the -- the --

1 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And we've
2 spent a lot of time on this project.

3 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The issue is
4 that microtrenching does not work in this
5 climate. And that's just the fact.

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And they tell
7 me they've been microtrenching in --

8 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That's what
9 we know.

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- Canada and
11 all over northern Europe. So why won't
12 it work here in Saratoga Springs.

13 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO:
14 Microtrenching in Anchorage, Alaska, and
15 turned into open trenching -- that's not
16 a good thing. I don't know if you
17 understand what I just said, but they had
18 to abandon microtrenching and move it to
19 open trench. Whatever they are putting
20 in there, whatever that compound is, it's
21 not -- it's not working and it -- it
22 just -- there's a -- a litany of things
23 that -- that we've asked them for that
24 they have not given us.

25 If they want to try to push it -- if

1 you want to push this project through, go
2 ahead, but you're going to do it, you
3 know, with -- without my approval. I can
4 tell you right now --

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I am not -- I
6 am trying to approve the stamped --

7 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO:
8 Engineering --

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- standard
10 detail engineering documents. That's the
11 next step. I am not at the point where
12 we're saying that they are allowed to go
13 in to the city street and micro-trench.

14 Would you agree with that
15 assessment, Vince? I'm not sure at this
16 point.

17 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The right-
18 of-way -- the right-of-way is the
19 responsibility of the Department of
20 Public Works.

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.

22 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Engineering
23 has looked into this. They have not
24 complied with our request. It's that
25 simple. When they do, then I can move

1 the project forward. I'm not opposed to
2 the project. And that's -- that's the
3 bottom line.

4 MR. DELEONARDIS: Yeah --

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So when do
6 you think engineering might actually
7 respond to one of their emails because I
8 never see a response. I never see
9 response from you. I just see you
10 cancelling all the appointments with
11 them. And I'm under the impression they
12 have submitted -- we had a meeting two
13 weeks ago, Vince was on the call, and I'm
14 of the impression they've submitted
15 everything that we agreed to in that
16 meeting two weeks ago to at least approve
17 the standard details.

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, no,
19 they have not.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, Vince, do you
21 want to say anything?

22 MR. DELEONARDIS: Only that I -- I
23 am available all day today if it would
24 benefit a meeting with the commissioners
25 to discuss this. But at the end of the

1 day, the engineers do have to be
2 satisfied with the standard details that
3 have been provided by SIFI. There was an
4 issue with regard to whether or not they
5 were stamped by a certified engineer. So
6 we can -- we can confirm that -- that
7 status. There was a number of issues
8 that were raised at that last meeting --

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yep.

10 MR. DELEONARDIS: -- including
11 insurance and other issues. But DPW,
12 Skip is correct, at the end of the day
13 has purview over all right-of-way and
14 they have to be satisfied that they
15 project can be completed in a manner
16 that's not disruptive to our roadways on
17 a permanent basis.

18 So any -- any time today, I'm -- I'm
19 available to meet with the commissioners
20 if you prefer.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Vince.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, I'm
23 asking just we meet. Otherwise, I know
24 that they're ready to pull the project
25 effective today. And so that will be the

1 end of it. Because they do have
2 investors lined up, this is a very
3 expensive project for them. I mean,
4 we're not getting fiber in our ground,
5 you know, at -- at no cost. They have
6 investors lined up. And that's
7 important.

8 And I think we've been negotiating
9 in good faith. And if they have
10 submitted the proper engineering
11 documents, and I'm told that they have
12 met the criteria of the meeting we had
13 two weeks ago, then it's time to move the
14 project to the next step. And not ignore
15 them. Like, respond to them, and talk to
16 them. And if there's something they
17 didn't submit that you're unhappy with,
18 I -- you know, I wouldn't know what it is
19 because there's no communication coming
20 out of the DPW office.

21 But we need to resolve it today or
22 I'll have an announcement tomorrow night
23 that the project is done because you are
24 unwilling to allow this project to go
25 forward for all your myriad of reasons

1 that you may have. And that's fine. But
2 that's it, there's no fiber in the ground
3 in this city coming any time soon.

4 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Believe me,
5 they're -- they're all legitimate
6 reasons. They're all legitimate. I
7 supported this project from day one, and
8 I would still support it. But I need to
9 get the information that we need to get.
10 Engineering is not comfortable with the
11 way these people are -- are just, you
12 know, continuously blowing us off. And
13 the fact that they have --

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Oh, no, no.
15 They have not blown you off. I see
16 communications from them almost every
17 day.

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I don't care
19 about the investors. I don't care about
20 any of that. I care about the city and I
21 care about them coming to --

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So do I.

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- ripping
24 up the city streets, compromising our --
25 our roadways. I mean, it -- you know,

1 like I said, microtrenching doesn't work,
2 you know -- you get water in the
3 electronic besides that trench and it --
4 it busts up the city -- it busts up the
5 roadway. It's not a good -- it's not a
6 good process.

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So are you
8 saying you're opposed to the project then
9 entirely? Because it's always going to
10 be a microtrenching project. Like, let
11 them off the hook. I mean, they're
12 already spending a ton of money waiting
13 on you to turn around the standard
14 details. This is a microtrenching
15 project.

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It is not a
17 microtrenching -- I'm tell you --

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes, it is.
19 That's the only way they're getting the
20 fiber ground.

21 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: They
22 abandoned microtrenching in Anchorage,
23 Alaska, is what I'm trying to tell you.
24 They started with it. The engineers
25 there said this is not working, it's not

1 good. If you want to do it, you need to
2 open cut. So now they're on -- on -- on
3 private property, open cutting on private
4 property. I don't think that's going to
5 float with the residents either.

6 I think we need to be
7 straightforward with, you know, with the
8 residents in the city. I need to see
9 where all the cabinets are going, where
10 all -- everything -- I need to see
11 what -- exactly what they're doing
12 throughout the city and every street in
13 the city. That's what I asked them for.
14 I think they owe us that.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, but I
16 think we -- right now, you're getting
17 ahead of yourself. There are plenty of
18 things we can still ask them for. But if
19 they have submitted proper standard
20 detail engineering documents, with proper
21 insurances, we are asking you to approve
22 them.

23 And then all of your other issues --
24 this doesn't mean it's going to happen
25 necessarily, the project, but it moves it

1 to the next step where maybe you could
2 actually be on a call with them and
3 express your concerns. Because I've yet
4 to be on a call with SIFI that's actually
5 included you, one. But then you
6 cancelled on the next one. I am of the
7 impression they have met every single
8 criteria we set out two weeks ago.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: They
10 haven't --

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So are you
12 saying that we shouldn't even approve the
13 standard details if they've met the
14 criteria? This isn't going about to
15 going into the street and microtrenching.

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Both Deb
17 (ph.) and Katie (ph.) have been on the
18 phone and been talking with the people
19 from SIFI, their subcontractor. And
20 they've been working with them, I can't
21 tell you how many hours we've put into
22 this already.

23 That was another complaint that we
24 got from some of the -- some of the
25 places that we contacted. They pretty

1 much dump everything on, you know, on the
2 engineering people in -- in the city.

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, that's
4 why they're actually paying to help us
5 hire an engineer.

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: They were
7 supposed to pay us some money for --

8 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yep.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- for you
10 know -- for like -- they haven't given us
11 ten cents. I can't tell you how many
12 hours that our people have put into
13 this --

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: You haven't
15 asked for the ten cents. They have
16 committed contractually to hire an
17 engineer. I mean, like --

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Listen,
19 again, all I'm asking for is what I would
20 ask for with any other contractor in the
21 city, anybody else working in the city.
22 Give me a set of stamped detailed plans
23 and, you know, then we can move forward.

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: They have
25 given you stamped detailed plans. They

1 have.

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Once we're
3 satisfied with what we have, we can let
4 them move forward. If they don't want to
5 give us that, then that's a red flag.
6 It's -- to me, it's a red flag because
7 we're not getting any good feedback from
8 any work place that these people are
9 working at. And that's -- that's all I'm
10 telling you. And if you don't believe
11 me, I'll give you a list of places. You
12 can call and get the records --

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I've called
14 all of them. I've talked to them too.
15 I've called references. And what I've
16 heard from -- I mean, I've called every
17 single one of these places that they've
18 worked in. And it is a difficult
19 project. And it -- you know, but it's
20 the only way all of these other places
21 agree that they're going to get fiber in
22 the ground. And they've been willing to
23 work through some of the issues with
24 SIFI. And it's become a better process
25 as a result, which is why we've moved so

1 slowly --

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Well --

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- we've been
4 working with them for five years.

5 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: No, I --

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I am ready
7 to end this conversation, but I would
8 strongly suggest that the three of us,
9 Vince, Marilyn maybe, Skip, myself, have
10 a meeting. I'm going to have Scott (ph.)
11 on the phone. I don't know what else
12 they can do. You keep telling me they
13 haven't done what they've said that
14 they're supposed to do. And they've done
15 it.

16 So if your concern is the
17 references, that's --

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That's
19 not --

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- not the
21 next step. The next step is the standard
22 engineering details that needs to be
23 approved. And if you're not going to
24 approve them, say so, and I will make
25 sure that the rest of the city realizes

1 we're not moving forward with the
2 project. Like, I'm done. I don't care
3 anymore. Like, are we moving this
4 project forward or are we not?

5 And that -- and we're ready to go to
6 the next step. They have submitted
7 everything they need to submit, okay?
8 We're holding the city back here on
9 everything, whether it's street lights,
10 whether it's fiber. I mean, come on,
11 like, we can do this. And I know you
12 want to do this, I know you're not
13 opposed to the project. But let's at
14 least get it to the next step.

15 MAYOR KELLY: So let -- let's set --
16 let's end that conversation there. I
17 hope that you three, Vince, Commissioners
18 Madigan, Scirocco, can sit down today and
19 see if you could have a conversation
20 about this.

21 So can you continue on, Commissioner
22 Madigan, on your agenda, please?

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes. And
24 maybe I'll ask Scott to, you know,
25 present tomorrow while I'm speaking about

1 this item because he's as baffled as I am
2 as to what's holding this all up. And
3 yes, we do have money from SIFI to hire
4 an engineer as a point person on this
5 project.

6 Item number 3 -- I mean, they've
7 spent so much money, it's not funny. And
8 they're even willing to help us hire an
9 engineer.

10 Item number 3 is a -- am I on
11 number -- item number 3?

12 MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes. Item
14 number 3 is a discussion about a
15 temporary hiring freeze. I think that
16 there is substantial confusion and
17 miscommunication regarding a temporary
18 hiring freeze that was subjected to no
19 fewer than seven communications among
20 finance, HR, departments, and counsel,
21 beginning last spring. The first one I
22 sent was in April. Tomorrow night, I'm
23 going to review all of those
24 communications. Or I may upload them
25 with the final agenda. I know some --

1 one got uploaded with the pre-agenda that
2 I didn't want to have out there right
3 now.

4 But I would like to hear the
5 council's understanding and opinions
6 about where we stand and provide a budget
7 and cashflow context for this. And
8 review Charter authority to require or
9 call for a hiring freeze. My reading of
10 the Charter clearly says that the
11 Commissioner of Finance shall put out a
12 plan to remediate expenses if revenues
13 are falling below what potential expenses
14 are. And then the following sentence
15 after that, and I'll have more detail,
16 says and the -- if the council would like
17 to provide further input, that they're
18 welcome to. Like, take a vote and offer
19 other fiduciary things that we might look
20 at.

21 I want to say that a hiring freeze
22 does not mean that there will be zero
23 hiring or zero replacement hires. But I
24 do think it's time for us to work more
25 together by prioritizing our needs going

1 forward. We have several high priority
2 needs. We also need to be communicating
3 hiring and replacement hiring with the
4 unions. I'm hearing great concern from
5 the unions that we're just -- somebody
6 retires and replace them, but meanwhile
7 they've all gone without their two
8 percent salary increases, steps,
9 longevities, and for some people, there
10 will other gives, as well, within -- in
11 the contracts.

12 But what I am seeing now -- and I've
13 asked the -- Lynn Bochner, the budget
14 director, to meet with each department to
15 get an idea of your priorities and what's
16 happening in your departments and what
17 kind of retirements are coming up. And
18 then I want to be able to work together
19 with the council to outline these
20 priorities. Because some of them we need
21 to take into account right now. Others
22 are going to have to wait, they just are.
23 We don't have unlimited funds. But it's
24 a useful meeting to have because it will
25 help me plan for the 2022 final budget

1 that I will present to the city council.

2 What I do see happening right now is
3 departments replacing regularly. As soon
4 as someone leaves or retires,
5 particularly in the two larger
6 departments, DPW and DPS, particularly
7 DPW, although DPS has some coming
8 forward, you're just going out and you're
9 replacing. We're like not doing without
10 at all right now. And this is starting
11 to bubble up to the unions. They are
12 coming to me. I've asked them to forward
13 all issues to the Mayor at this point
14 because the Mayor is the negotiator.

15 Meanwhile other departments have cut
16 back so significantly that they can't
17 even replace. The --

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yep. Can
19 you -- can you -- can you be specific
20 about that? What departments in
21 particular have cut back too far?

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Well, your
23 fire department is in the process of
24 hiring four new firefighters because of
25 four retirements that they just had.

1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: No, no, I was
2 just asking you about what -- what
3 departments cut too much, you mentioned?

4 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: The police
5 department has.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: So we -- we
7 cut too much of our budget in -- in -- in
8 response to your request to trim our
9 budget, you're saying we cut too much?

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: You -- you
11 did. Because --

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay, I just
13 wanted to make that clear. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, I want
15 to -- all right, so I want to finish my
16 though too.

17 So I want to be able to look across
18 all of the departments. The police
19 department has cut themselves back so
20 significantly, they don't have any funds,
21 and including their overtime, to put
22 anyone in the police academy right now.

23 But meanwhile because the fire
24 department maybe had four retirements,
25 like, this year, they're moving forward

1 with, you know, putting four people
2 through their academy and getting people
3 hired.

4 Like, we've got to start to balance
5 and have some fiscal fairness here right
6 now. The other thing the police
7 department did, and I noticed, was cut
8 way too far back on their overtime
9 cost --

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: You want to
11 know why we cut back? Because we were
12 told to cut back to bare bones last year.
13 I feel like --

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I understand
15 that. Commissioner, I understand that.
16 And actually --

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay, well --

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- you're not
19 on, so I can't tell when you're going to
20 talk. I am trying to help you manage the
21 priorities of the public safety
22 department, including the police
23 department. Because to have no one go
24 through the academy right now with all
25 the people that have left, and it takes

1 eighteen months to get on -- get someone
2 through the police department, is a big
3 haul.

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay, you
5 don't have to explain my own department
6 to me. That's what I'm saying, okay?
7 You -- you don't need to explain my -- my
8 own department. I know how it works --

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: You know
10 what, Commissioner --

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- I know what
12 the priority --

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- it would
14 be better if you were actually on video
15 so we could read your face instead of,
16 like, whatever, you know, I'm having a
17 hard time having this discussion.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Sorry.

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I will
20 explain any department I care to explain
21 to anybody because I am the person trying
22 to make sure when your department comes
23 to me and tells me they need all this
24 money, I can find a place to give you the
25 money, okay? So I will explain whatever

1 I need to explain here on the record in
2 what's basically a council meeting.

3 So I would say put a halt on your
4 four replacement hires in the fire
5 department right now until we can figure
6 out what's going on as a whole for the
7 whole city.

8 If we have somebody leaving that has
9 to have somebody shadowing them, and
10 that's an assessor. It's required in the
11 City Charter. And we have IT, we have a
12 big retirement coming up in IT, and
13 that's going to require some significant
14 funds.

15 So just going out and doing business
16 as usual with our budgets is not going to
17 be the way to go forward. And I'm not
18 saying that this means no hiring. I'm
19 saying I've asked the budget director to
20 meet with each department, so we can get
21 an idea of what the priorities are. This
22 is the same message that I gave at the
23 end of the year last year. I'm not
24 saying there will be no hiring and no
25 replacement hiring, but we need to

1 prioritize the hiring. And that's what
2 I'm trying to get to with this item on my
3 agenda where I will talk about any
4 department I care to talk about in any
5 way that I want to talk about it, because
6 everybody's spending money. And just
7 because you have a budget doesn't mean
8 that that's real money, all right?
9 There's still a lot of things I'm -- I'm
10 trying to balance here.

11 So we'll have a discussion about
12 that tomorrow night. I personally don't
13 think we need to have a vote for a hiring
14 freeze. I think that is a power of the
15 Commissioner of Finance. But if we want
16 to take a vote, we can. And if the two
17 larger departments and other departments
18 want to vote no, have at it, go ahead,
19 keep spending money, and we'll see if
20 we --

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Hey Vince?

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- have it to
23 get through the end of the year.

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Is Vince still
25 on the call?

1 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I don't know,
2 ask him.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Vince, can you
5 clarify whether or not the Commissioner
6 of Finance has the authority to put up a
7 hiring freeze in place. Because I
8 actually am curious about that, I just
9 don't know.

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I don't think
11 it's up to Vince to tell us that. I read
12 the Charter a certain way and I will
13 argue it --

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I'm just
15 asking for the attorney to give us his --

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- I have
17 that right.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I'm just
19 asking for the attorney to give us his
20 interpretation of the Charter which is
21 usually who we refer to.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: What else is
23 he going to do -- if everybody's just
24 going to have a free-for-all when there's
25 no money, of course the Commissioner of

1 Finance does this.

2 MR. DELEONARDIS: The Charter
3 doesn't speak specifically to this issue,
4 but the overall budget of the city is
5 something that's adopted by the entire
6 city council. Hiring and firing during a
7 normal process is up to the individual
8 department heads. But the Commissioner
9 of Finance is correct that there is
10 language in the Charter that calls for
11 the Commissioner to present a plan when
12 there is anticipated to be budget
13 deficiencies or deficits going toward the
14 fiscal year.

15 That's something that would normally
16 then be presented to the council to
17 ultimately act upon.

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That's not --
19 I'm sorry, Vince. I would completely
20 disagree with you, and maybe we'll have
21 to, you know -- I read section 4.3.8 --
22 4.4.8 of the City Charter, and feel free
23 to read this, maintain a balanced budget,
24 which is what I am charged with doing,
25 "if at any time during the fiscal year it

1 appears probable to the Commissioner of
2 Finance that revenues available will be
3 insufficient to meet the amount of
4 appropriated, the Commissioner shall
5 report it to the council without delay.
6 This does not require a vote. The
7 Commissioner and -- shall indicate the
8 indicated shortfall, remedial action
9 taken by the Commissioner, and the
10 Commissioner's recommendations for steps
11 to be taken to eliminate or reduce the
12 shortfall."

13 MR. DELEONARDIS: Yep.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That is the
15 power in the Charter.

16 MR. DELEONARDIS: Yeah, but --

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It further
18 goes on to say, "the council shall take
19 further council action if it deems
20 necessary."

21 MR. DELEONARDIS: That's correct.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: "To prevent
23 or minimize any deficit and for that
24 purpose may be a resolution to reduce one
25 or more appropriation as allowed by law."

1 MR. DELEONARDIS: That's correct.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I see that
3 as the Commissioner of Finance shall --

4 MR. DELEONARDIS: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- put out a
6 remedial action plan and that can be a
7 hiring freeze.

8 MR. DELEONARDIS: The Commissioner
9 of Finance shall report to the council --

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.

11 MR. DELEONARDIS: -- hundred percent
12 correct on that. And shall take action
13 pending the action that will ultimately
14 be taken by the council as a body.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: No, I see
16 that -- you know, not everything requires
17 a vote. You know, but if you guys want
18 to vote and not have a hiring freeze, go
19 for it. And work within your budgets and
20 not -- I mean, you're setting a very
21 dangerous precedent. We are in difficult
22 times fiscally. And so, you know, decide
23 what you want to do, but we have a hiring
24 freeze in place.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Maybe we can

1 move on --

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And you can
3 go ahead and replace your four
4 firefighters, you're not going to have
5 any money then for your police --

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Stop talking
7 about my fire department, please. Thank
8 you.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It's not
10 yours, it's the city's. You don't own
11 anything.

12 And that -- that's -- that's it for
13 that agenda item. But nothing is
14 anybody's individual -- you know, you
15 don't own the fire department. And I
16 would strongly suggest that you balance
17 the needs of both your police and your
18 fire department. If you do not want the
19 help of the finance department, that's
20 fine with me.

21 But I am calling for a hiring
22 freeze, and I think I have the legal
23 authority to do that. I'm also saying
24 that I'm trying to work with each
25 department to look at your priorities so

1 that we have some money to make sure that
2 we are meeting certain needs that we need
3 to meet. One would be the city assessor,
4 one would be IT. If you guys don't agree
5 with me, that's fine with me. You know,
6 we won't do anything about IT then, it's
7 fine with me.

8 Item number 4 is a Discussion and
9 Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign
10 a Memorandum of Understanding which is a
11 grant with the City of Saratoga Springs
12 and the New York State Economic
13 Development Corporation to administer --
14 to be administered by New York State
15 Technology Enterprise Corporation,
16 NYSTEC, for a PILOT program for the
17 construction and implementation of LED
18 street lights incorporating public Wi-Fi
19 and video analytics.

20 We've been working with Tina Carton,
21 the administrator of parks, open space
22 sustainability, and historic
23 preservation. We've received a grant
24 from New York State Empire State
25 Development to establish pilot programs

1 for the construction and implementation
2 of LED street lights, which save funds
3 and incorporate public Wi-Fi and video
4 analytics.

5 The two places that we've identified
6 for these projects are the Saratoga
7 Springs Housing Authority. We think it
8 would be a good idea to bring public Wi-
9 Fi to those in public housing. And the
10 City Public Library on the parking lot
11 that the city actually owns.

12 It does involve multiple partners.
13 Our most critical one at this time is
14 NYSTEC, an organization that's serviced
15 the city for several years, with numerous
16 sustainability and smart city measures at
17 a substantial discount.

18 They need the I -- MOU to provide
19 ESD confirming the city is committed to
20 this project, and then finance will bring
21 an actual contract to council within the
22 next month. But an MOU will satisfy
23 current requirements.

24 The agreement requires little from
25 any other department with the exception

1 of DPW electrician. It is a benefit for
2 the city to have ESD grants for which we
3 rarely apply and receive awards. These
4 awards were designed by the Governor to
5 help communities with special smart city
6 pilot projects during COVID.
7 Unfortunately, they didn't know how they
8 were going to fund them. This has been
9 ongoing for a year, and we only just
10 received words that they're actually
11 going to fund the project.

12 Item number 5 is a Discussion and
13 Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign
14 Agreement with Crow Castel Fiber for
15 Ethernet Services. This is an update to
16 an IT agreement for ethernet services to
17 the recreation department.

18 Discussion and Vote: Budget
19 Contingencies -- Budget Transfers -
20 Contingency. This is a budget transfer
21 to support civil service secretary.
22 Several years ago, we decided against
23 transferring these duties. We were going
24 to look at doing something with HR and
25 civil service. That didn't work out.

1 And we -- basically we all met during the
2 budget meetings and civil service made a
3 presentation to us. They're responsible
4 for the city civil service, Saratoga
5 Springs City School District, and the
6 public library. The subdepartment
7 operates with a single employee, the
8 secretary to the civil service. They're
9 looking for about 3.8 thousand -- 3.8 --
10 \$3,800, which seems a little low to me
11 because I know we used to fund that part-
12 time position at \$35,000, but maybe it's
13 the time of year.

14 But I think it's time we bring on a
15 part-time person to help out the civil
16 service department. And certainly having
17 funds to do some part-time hires is
18 something that I'm -- I'm very supportive
19 of because we're not bringing on a full-
20 time employee with benefits. So if the
21 council is in agreement, I think it's
22 time. And this is also partially
23 reimbursable by the school district that
24 we do indeed go forward and hire a --
25 a -- somebody part time in the -- for

1 civil service.

2 Does anybody have any concerns with
3 that?

4 MAYOR KELLY: No, I'm in agreement
5 with civil service.

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I've always
8 been in agreement for civil service, as
9 well.

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Oh, that's
11 great.

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: It is.

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. Item
14 number 7 is a Discussion and Vote: Budget
15 Transfers - Payroll. And that -- oh I
16 will be adding --

17 MAYOR KELLY: So -- so Commissioner,
18 on -- on the payroll, you -- you have a
19 transfer for a part-time clerk. So can
20 we put in for our part-time clerk that we
21 had in the 2020 budget?

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Would you
23 need a clerk?

24 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. For -- we
25 had -- we had it in the budget, and we

1 pulled it because it was approved and
2 then we -- we pulled it when we made
3 other cuts.

4 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, I'm
5 very supportive of part-time hires right
6 now. Again, I still want to look across
7 the board. I know finance needs one. We
8 are down an employee in the front office.
9 I am not replacing that employee at this
10 point in time. So part of my budget
11 transfers - payroll is a part-time clerk
12 up there for when they're on vacation.
13 If we got a \$46 million budget, \$46
14 million is flowing through the front
15 office, we have to have at least two
16 people on staff up front.

17 So go ahead and talk to Lynn about
18 the budget transfer. We have found
19 monies in our -- in our budget to cover
20 our part-time clerk, so that's what we're
21 doing with that.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, I mean,
24 go ahead, submit.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: The other
2 items under the budget transfers will
3 cover sick leave in the water funds,
4 sewer funds, and police department.

5 And I might be adding an item to my
6 agenda which is sale of metal shelving
7 owned by the city to Wilton Fire District
8 #1, Greenfield Fire District.

9 Thank you.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
11 Commissioner.

12 On to public works.

13 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,
14 Mayor.

15 First item on my agenda is just an
16 update on -- it's just an update on the
17 tree. I just wanted to let the public
18 know that one of the old Elms on North
19 Broadway by Witt Construction up there
20 it's seen better days. So we're going to
21 be removing that tree. I'll have more
22 information on that tomorrow night. But
23 it's unfortunate that it's succumb to
24 the -- that -- that disease. So we'll
25 have more information on that tomorrow

1 night.

2 Second -- second item on my agenda
3 is Discussion and Vote: this is Approval
4 to Reimburse Employee #2675 in the Amount
5 of \$230.

6 Item number 3 is Discussion and
7 Vote: Approval to Reimburse Employee #278
8 in the Amount of \$324.50.

9 Number 4 is Discussion and Vote:
10 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign
11 Contract with Environmental Soil
12 Management of New York, LLC for \$264.25.

13 Number 5 Discussion and Vote:
14 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign
15 Change Order #15 with DL -- DLC Electric,
16 LLC.

17 Change order -- item number 6,
18 Approval to Pay Invoice #12467 to MLB in
19 the Amount of \$4,208.31.

20 And just an announcement. We're
21 looking at a Public Works Facebook page
22 to get -- get some information out to the
23 public. But I'll have more information
24 on that tomorrow night too.

25 Again, I want to announce our

1 Milling -- number 8 is to announce our
2 Milling and Paving Schedule. The
3 blacktop plan is -- is about to open and
4 we're going to actually start milling and
5 paving, you know, some issues -- street
6 issues that we have in the city.

7 Number 9 is a Proclamation for the
8 City of Saratoga Springs Arbor Day.

9 Number 10 is Discussion and Vote: to
10 Accept a Donation from Sustainable
11 Saratoga for Trees that are going to be
12 planted in the -- in the right-of-way.

13 Number 11 is an Update on Phase I
14 Street Inventory Management Plan. That
15 is a grant that we -- that we got. And
16 I'll have more information on that
17 tomorrow night. I believe that the
18 business is supposed to open tomorrow, so
19 we may have a -- a vendor by -- by
20 tomorrow night. But we'll see.

21 And let's see. And that's -- that
22 concludes my agenda.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That's it.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, great. Thank

1 you, Commissioner.

2 And on to public safety,
3 Commissioner Dalton?

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Hi. Thank
5 you, Mayor.

6 The first item on my -- on my agenda
7 is Discussion and Vote: Amend Chapter
8 225, Section 225-81 of the City Code.
9 This is to pave the parking on both sides
10 of Adams Road between Cady Hill Boulevard
11 and Marcel Drive.

12 Item 2 is a Discussion and Vote:
13 Amend Chapter -- Section 225-94 -- oops,
14 excuse me. Sorry, my phone just started
15 ringing. 225-94 of the City Code. This
16 is to add alternate side of the street
17 parking to Clinton Street from Vermont
18 Street to Church Street.

19 Number 3 is the appointment of a
20 city health officer.

21 Number 4 is Discussion and Vote:
22 Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract
23 with Empire Ambulance. This is the
24 annual contract for back-up ambulance
25 service for the city.

1 And number 5 is Discussion and Vote:
2 Accept Donations for the SSPD K9 Unit.
3 This is to accept donations from various
4 individuals -- individuals and
5 organizations for the K9 Unit.

6 And that concludes my agenda.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
8 Commissioner.

9 And the supervisors have a few
10 items.

11 Supervisor Veitch has County DPW
12 Geyser Road Paving Project. And his
13 second item is STOP-DWI 2021 amounts.
14 And the third item is Deer Hunting Pilot
15 Program.

16 Supervisor Gaston has three items,
17 COVID-19 Update. Second item is Public
18 Health Expansion. Third item is Saratoga
19 County Women in Government Leadership
20 Program.

21 So at this time, I move the city
22 council enter into executive session to
23 discuss collective bargaining
24 negotiations Saratoga Springs PDA.

25 This is a motion; is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

3 All those in favor, say aye.

4 IN UNISON: Aye.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

6 The matter passes.

7 Please wait for the live stream to

8 stop and go into the breakout room.

9 (Discussion off the record)

10 MAYOR KELLY: We are back from
11 executive session. We have discussed the
12 outstanding matter. And we have taken no
13 action at this time.

14 So with -- any other business from
15 the council at this time?

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: No, thank you.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Then we are adjourned.
18 Thank you and have a great day. See you
19 tomorrow night.

20 (Meeting adjourned.)

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I, Amanda M. Oliver, certify that the
foregoing transcript is a true and
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