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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR AGENDA

July 6, 2021

Held at

474 Broadway

Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

PRESENT:

- MEG KELLY, Mayor
- LISA RIBIS, Secretary
- ROBIN DALTON, Commissioner
- ANTHONY SCIROCCO, Commissioner
- JOHN P. FRANCK, Commissioner
- MICHELE MADIGAN, Commissioner
- MATTHEW VEITCH, Supervisor
- TARA N. GASTON, Supervisor
- VINCENT DELEONARDIS, City Attorney



1 MAYOR KELLY: Good evening. Welcome
2 to tonight's City Council meeting. Today
3 is July 6. It is 6:55. We have one
4 public hearing on the agenda this
5 evening, and that is to amend Chapters
6 180 and 217 - Fee by Resolution.

7 And I'll turn it over to
8 Commissioner Dalton.

9 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you,
10 Mayor Kelly. We do have a public hearing
11 to amend Chapters 180 and 217 of the City
12 Code. This is to remove fee amounts from
13 the City Code and to allow them to be
14 established from time to time by
15 resolution of the City Council.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Great. If anybody
17 here is wanting to speak on this public
18 hearing to amend Chapters 180 and 217 -
19 Fee by Resolution, please step forward to
20 the mic.

21 It doesn't look like we have anybody
22 here for this. We'll be closing this
23 public hearing and voting on it this
24 evening.

25 And at this time, we have about four



1 minutes before we start our City Council
2 meeting, so we'll check back in then.

3 (Pause in proceedings.)

4 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. At this time
5 I'd like to call the meeting to order.
6 Roll call please.

7 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
8 Franck?

9 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Present.

10 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
11 Madigan?

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Present.

13 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
14 Scirocco?

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Here.

16 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
17 Dalton?

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Present.

19 SECRETARY RIBIS: Mayor Kelly?

20 MAYOR KELLY: Here.

21 SECRETARY RIBIS: Supervisor Veitch?

22 MR. VEITCH: Here.

23 SECRETARY RIBIS: Supervisor Gaston?

24 MS. GASTON: Here.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Please rise for the



1 Pledge of Allegiance.

2 I pledge allegiance to the Flag of
3 the United States of America, and to the
4 Republic for which it stands, one Nation
5 under God, indivisible, with liberty and
6 justice for all.

7 Next on the agenda is our public
8 comment period. I ask that you keep your
9 comments brief, up to two minutes.
10 Yielding your time to someone else is not
11 allowed. Public comment period will
12 continue for fifteen minutes. Please be
13 respectful and address the council as a
14 whole.

15 As a reminder, public comment is not
16 a dialogue or discussion with the council
17 members; however, at the end of the
18 public comment period, any council member
19 may respond or comment.

20 Before you -- we begin, please, when
21 you come to the mic, state your name and
22 the town or city that you reside in. If
23 you'd like to public comment, you will
24 approach the mic now. And you'll hear a
25 bell that will go off when your time is



1 up. Thank you.

2 MS. LEWIS: Hello? I don't think
3 that's on. Does that matter if it's on?

4 MAYOR KELLY: It does matter. Okay,
5 thank you.

6 MS. LEWIS: Hello. I stand here
7 today as a concerned parent, Saratoga
8 Springs long-time resident --

9 MAYOR KELLY: Can you state your
10 name and municipality, please.

11 MS. LEWIS: Yes. Julianne Lewis,
12 Sar -- City of Saratoga Springs. I stand
13 here today as a concerned parent,
14 Saratoga Springs long-time resident, and
15 founder of a local nonprofit organization
16 serving marginalized members of our
17 community. I want to address the recent
18 incidents of violence and your response
19 to them.

20 My son was the victim of one of
21 these recent random acts of violence. He
22 was assaulted and robbed near East Side
23 Rec Center when arranging to sell a t-
24 shirt to another local teen.

25 I'm disappointed with the response



1 of the police department to this
2 situation. He had some physical injuries
3 and has certainly suffered emotionally as
4 a result. My son was able to positively
5 ID one of the perpetrators and his
6 vehicle. Investigators have yet to make
7 an arrest. This is a month later, and
8 are still trying to ID all of the teens
9 involved.

10 When I last spoke to Inv. Davenport,
11 we were waiting on subpoenas from
12 Instagram and Snapchat.

13 While his personal injuries will
14 heal over time, his relationship with
15 other teens and the Saratoga Springs
16 Police Department is damaged.

17 Communication from the PD has been
18 terrible. There has been little to no
19 compassion or follow up to see if my son
20 is okay; to ask how the PD can support
21 him. And when I ask why this wasn't
22 happening, the answer I received from Lt.
23 Robert Jillson was that, and I quote,
24 customer service is not our strong suit.
25 Let me repeat that. Your own law



1 enforcement officials are aware of the
2 fact that you do not handle the public
3 well and have little to no skills in
4 dealing compassionately with the public
5 that you serve.

6 I was given a number to call the
7 County Victim's Advocate Center but no
8 other information to support my son's
9 physical or mental health.

10 As a result, he is now hesitant to
11 cooperate with Saratoga Springs Police
12 Department and is distrustful. He feels
13 as though the public safety system does
14 not really care about its local youth.

15 And I want to turn now to remarks
16 that were made by Asst. Chief Catone made
17 recently about the violent incidents that
18 have occurred. Whether or not my son's
19 case is related to these other incidents
20 of violence --

21 MAYOR KELLY: That's time. Thank
22 you.

23 MS. LEWIS: Yep.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Anyone else?

25 MR. CLEVELAND: I'm the Reverend Joe



1 Cleveland. I live in Wilton. And I
2 serve the Unitarian Universalist
3 Congregation of Saratoga Springs. I feel
4 that the Asst. Chief Catone and the City
5 owe our -- the residents or the citizens
6 at least an apology for the divisive and
7 hate mongering remarks that were part of
8 the June 28th press conference. So many
9 things were divisive coming from the
10 mouth of our assistant chief of police.
11 It is no place coming from the mouths of
12 our public servants like that.

13 To say, for example, that you're
14 either for us or against us, implies that
15 there's going to be some sort of litmus
16 test that police officers are going to
17 apply to people before they decide if
18 they are going to in fact protect and
19 serve them. That's a shocking betrayal
20 of the community trust.

21 To blame violence on social justice
22 activists is a denial of responsibility
23 on the part of the police department and
24 the City. It's --

25 MAYOR KELLY: Can I just make a



1 comment. If you're going to be um-hum
2 and -- and making remarks, we're going to
3 have you removed. I'm just putting it
4 out there.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What?

6 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. I will have
7 you --

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why?

9 MAYOR KELLY: -- removed.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

11 (Indiscernible) --

12 MAYOR KELLY: Yes. Yes.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

14 (Indiscernible) --

15 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Then you can
16 leave, and I have the police out there.
17 This is a public comment, not a dialogue
18 or a comment by everybody.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

20 (Indiscernible) --

21 MAYOR KELLY: Under -- this is my
22 meeting, and I'm running it.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS:

24 (indiscernible).

25 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, yeah. So either



1 we listen or we can empty the room and
2 we'll run our meeting and it will be on
3 videotape.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I get a
5 public comment first?

6 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Then let's sit
7 quietly. I'm going to give everybody a
8 chance.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Wow.
10 (Indiscernible).

11 MAYOR KELLY: If we're going to keep
12 it up, I'll empty the room. That's your
13 choice. I'm going to have a meeting and
14 we're going to have it where everybody's
15 respecting each other.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
17 (Indiscernible).

18 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Let's everybody
19 out. We're taking a recess. Thank you.

20 (Pause in the proceedings.)

21 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. The meeting's
22 adjourned. Thank you.

23 (Meeting adjourned.)

24 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. We are back,
25 and we're going to try to continue this



1 meeting. I am going to say, again, that
2 this is a public comment period. People
3 have two minutes for their time. And
4 please be respectful. There won't be
5 commenting or heckling or anything in the
6 background, or I'll end it again.

7 So I want to get through this. I
8 think it's just being respectful.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Mayor Kelly,
10 can we wait for Commissioner Scirocco?

11 MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

13 (Pause in the proceedings.)

14 MAYOR KELLY: Reverend, I'm going to
15 have you start over, okay. Thank you.

16 (Pause in the proceedings.)

17 MAYOR KELLY: Great. We're going to
18 continue on with this meeting. Thank
19 you. Again, I'm going to have Reverend
20 start over with your two minutes.

21 And Tony, are you all set?

22 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

24 Go ahead, sir.

25 MR. CLEVELAND: Reverend Joe



1 Cleveland. I live in Wilton. I serve
2 the Unitarian Universalist Congregation
3 in Saratoga Springs.

4 Divisive rhetoric has no place
5 coming from the mouths of our public
6 service -- servants and our elected
7 officials. At the press conference on
8 July -- June 28th, remarks by the
9 assistant chief and by the safety
10 commissioner were divisive and -- and
11 hate mongering.

12 To imply that there's going to be a
13 litmus test, you're either for us or
14 against us, is a betrayal of the
15 community trust. To blame increased --
16 supposed increased violence, there are
17 not statistics available on this right
18 now, supposed increased violence on
19 social justice act -- advocates, civil
20 rights advocates, is a betrayal of
21 responsibility on the part of the City
22 and the part of the police department.

23 There are people in this community
24 who are not heard. To simply proclaim
25 that there are no racists here, that is a



1 classic white fragility response to truth
2 telling. Your own City appointed police
3 reform task force, their work revealed a
4 pattern of police treating people of
5 color in our community more harshly, more
6 strictly, with less compassion than other
7 people in this town.

8 I have always been treated with
9 respect. Look at my white face. Look at
10 my cyst gendered male body. Are you
11 going to listen to me differently than
12 you're going to listen to my friends in
13 the rows behind me because they're
14 complexion is a little different than
15 mine? Because they don't have a collar?
16 They deserve to be heard.

17 MAYOR KELLY: That's time. Thank
18 you.

19 Next.

20 MS. KROSKY: My name is Tracy
21 Krosky, and I'm from Halfmoon, New York.
22 The reverend just talked about a litmus
23 test for who you're going to listen to.
24 I watched a litmus test downstairs when
25 your police denied our entry, anybody



1 with Black Lives Matter. We watched
2 other people go by us and get up, but we
3 were denied entry. That was the first
4 litmus test.

5 I thought that was going to be the
6 most outrageous thing I saw tonight until
7 you adjourned a meeting because people
8 were saying um-hum. Which is, by the
9 way, the whitest thing I've heard in my
10 life. I -- I cannot believe that.

11 And the disrespect to speak to
12 people like we're idiots because we're
13 going um-hum was unbelievable.

14 The recent press conference, the
15 Times Unit Editorial Board called, that
16 said that -- I'm sorry, the Times Union
17 Board said that Dalton and Catone used
18 racist dog whistles. That wasn't a
19 racist dog whistle. That was a bullhorn
20 of them yelling to white supremacists to
21 come in here and to hurt our activists.

22 We have people in this community who
23 are trying to bring this community
24 together, and instead of bringing
25 community together, your elected



1 officials, your appointed officials are
2 dividing your community. They're spewing
3 hatred and threatening 130 years of white
4 supremacy privilege to rain down on
5 activists to silence their narrative.
6 I've never seen anything like that. I --
7 no, I shouldn't say that. That's white
8 supremacy. That's this culture. And
9 you're either going to support it or
10 you're not. It looks like you totally
11 support it though.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Name your
13 price.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Next, please.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: My name's Lewis
16 Dempsey. I live here in Saratoga.
17 This -- this is easy, all right. All I
18 want is not to have a sidewalk put in
19 front of my house, okay. I had to pick
20 this night to come here and -- and
21 witness all of this. But -- all right.
22 I'm -- I'm just trying to make a quick
23 statement that we can work around this.
24 There's -- we've sent emails. We've sent
25 letters.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Can you tell me the
2 street that you're talking about, sir.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: Vanderbilt Avenue.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Vanderbilt, okay.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: Yes, okay. And I -- I
6 would like to talk and get into this but
7 there's oth -- other stuff going on.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. I -- I -- I
9 know that we are discussing it, so
10 we'll --

11 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

12 MAYOR KELLY: -- we'll be in touch.

13 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you very much.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum. Anyone else?

15 MS. BROWN: Alex -- Alexis Brown,
16 Saratoga Springs. Fannie Lou Hamer once
17 said, never forget where we come from and
18 always praise the bridges that carried us
19 over.

20 My name is Alexis Brown and I was
21 born in Saratoga Hospital in 2000. The
22 fi -- the history my family has here
23 stretches much farther back than my own.
24 My fifth grade grandfather was born in
25 this city in 1862, five years before the



1 abolition of slavery in the United
2 States.

3 My grandfather, Frederick Allen, was
4 the first black person to work in City
5 Hall doing just about every odd job you
6 can think of, leading in the founding of
7 the first black fraternal organization in
8 this city in 1925. And that's why I
9 wanted to speak to you all today.

10 Just last week, the assistant police
11 chief said that he would use his 130 year
12 family history in this city to destroy
13 our narrative of the racist abuse and
14 material that spreads through the conduct
15 of the Saratoga Springs Police
16 Department. To that I say, I have 158
17 years of history that shows that this
18 very city treats its black citizens of
19 Saratoga Springs as second class citizens
20 and servants. Getting chased by white
21 vigilantes, getting punched by kids in
22 school, getting stopped by the police and
23 no probable cause, just fron -- or just
24 feet from your front door.

25 It's absolutely disgusting to try



1 and attempt to use white supremacist dog
2 whistles to insinuate that the people
3 leading this movement in this city are
4 outsiders who need to be with you or
5 against you when it comes to protesting
6 for a better life for everyone, not just
7 a few.

8 I am standing here before you today
9 because my ancestors had a voice but were
10 not given the same opportunities that I
11 now have. But for that, I want to thank
12 them, because for -- they built the
13 bridge that carried me over to the other
14 side.

15 This city is changing and it is time
16 for our government to move on with it,
17 not against it. So I demand an apology
18 from the Saratoga Springs Police
19 Department and the City Council as I
20 cannot address you all individually for
21 the use of such language and the
22 dismissal of a century long concerns of
23 the black community of Saratoga Springs.
24 Thank you.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.



1 MS. MCGRAW: Hi. My name -- whoa, I
2 don't need to say my name because you all
3 know my name.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Can you please state
5 your name and -- and where you live,
6 please.

7 MS. MCGRAW: It's Darlene.

8 MAYOR KELLY: For the -- it's for
9 the record.

10 MS. MCGRAW: If I had no place to
11 live, I wouldn't be able to do that, and
12 I'm not going to live in the City of
13 Saratoga Springs in thirty-six days
14 because I don't feel safe.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

16 MS. MCGRAW: Okay. Well, I wanted
17 to address the issue of what happened
18 several days ago. I got threatened with
19 arrest because I was speaking on behalf
20 of individuals like myself that have
21 disabilities, and I was talking about
22 equality. We have more money for
23 flowers, beautiful flowers in the
24 racetrack, but DPW or somebody took that
25 down, which that's okay because it



1 already got published before it happened.

2 And I really appreciate DPW for
3 acting like they were the police because
4 the police officer involved, she did
5 nothing wrong but DPW was, like, I'm
6 going to police this myself. So thank
7 you very much. I appreciate it.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

9 Anyone else?

10 MS. DAVIDSON: My name is Molly
11 Davidson. I live in Saratoga Springs. I
12 think that the City Council and the
13 police department should issue an apology
14 for Assistant Police Chief Catone's
15 comments. You've heard details on why
16 those comments were so wrong. They were
17 clearly political.

18 He should be reprimanded publicly
19 and he should issue an apology. I don't
20 care how many years he has served. When
21 somebody does something that is wrong,
22 they should apologize. Apology is the
23 only way that we can be assured that this
24 will not happen again and that you
25 understand that it is wrong. To try to



1 gloss your way past it is just going to
2 increase the distrust in this -- in this
3 city.

4 It wasn't just that he said he would
5 stop our narrative, which is --

6 MAYOR KELLY: May I -- may I just
7 interrupt for one second.

8 MS. DAVIDSON: No, I have --

9 MAYOR KELLY: One --

10 MS. DAVIDSON: -- two minutes.

11 MAYOR KELLY: -- second. I know. I
12 will start you over if you would like.

13 Sir, you need to get back. Thank
14 you.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

16 (Indiscernible).

17 MAYOR KELLY: Just be -- behind the
18 railing, please. Thank you. Thank you.

19 MS. DAVIDSON: It wasn't just that
20 he said he would stop our narrative,
21 which is so far out of his job and is a
22 clear threat to our freedom of speech, it
23 wasn't just that he said that he could --
24 that no police people were racist in this
25 city, which is, like, how can he speak



1 for what go -- lives in the hearts and
2 the minds of every single person in this
3 city. It -- it was that he erroneously
4 framed this violence on Caroline Street,
5 which is -- has been happening as long as
6 I've lived here. He erroneously framed
7 it as somehow the result of cause for
8 social justice and Black Lives Matters.
9 That is just wrong, and it shows that he
10 is not an impartial server of justice.
11 That makes him a danger to us because he
12 is not serving us; he is serving a
13 political rhetoric.

14 What I just saw here, what you
15 did -- I'm sorry, what the Council did
16 here in trying to shut people down for
17 saying um-hum, I want you to be aware
18 that white culture doesn't do that call
19 and response thing, but other cultures
20 do. And what you said is, basically, our
21 white culture is what we consider
22 respectful and anybody who acts
23 differently than us is not respectful.
24 That is --

25 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.



1 MS. DAVIDSON: -- racist.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Thank you.
3 Anybody else?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
5 (Indiscernible).

6 MS. GAREY: Samirison Garey
7 (phonetic), Clifton Park. I just want to
8 talk about the recent press conference
9 that was held last week with Robin Dalton
10 and Asst. Chief Catone, where he blamed
11 BLM and Albany gang members for the
12 uptick of violence. Escape goating
13 people fighting for injustice, using
14 their voices, using freedom of speech.
15 Saying we carry weapons, which is a flat
16 out lie and putting us in danger. This
17 is definite -- defamation of character,
18 saying we have gum -- guns. Saying
19 Albany gangs come here to sell drugs for
20 twice the price, which is honestly a very
21 strong statement with no proof to back to
22 it.

23 This is the narrative y'all are
24 creating. And you have created an us
25 versus them narrative, and you're



1 creating division.

2 Catone saying that he will use 130
3 years of his connections to end our
4 narrative, which is an open threat, it's
5 not enough to say that you're against
6 racis -- that you're not racist, because
7 you don't know our experiences. You
8 don't know my experiences on Caroline
9 Street. You don't know our exp --
10 experiences in this town with the color
11 of our skin.

12 And SSPD hasn't even taken
13 accountability for Darryl Mount, who was
14 beaten to a pulp. And honestly, none of
15 you even come to our events so -- our
16 community events with family and children
17 aren't making, so none of you would even
18 know. But you see it on the news and the
19 papers. You continue to silence us, just
20 like we saw ten minutes ago, um-hum, and
21 we demand an apology right now.

22 And also, this mural is
23 disgusting --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

25 MS. GAREY: -- because Native people



1 are still here. They're still alive.
2 They're still with us. And they were --
3 they literally -- not only did we build
4 this country, but they did as well. And
5 they died and they were raped here, and
6 this is disgusting. We need a Darryl
7 Mount memorial right here.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Anyone
9 else?

10 MR. MILLIS: Good evening. I'm
11 Robert Millis of Saratoga Springs. It's
12 been eight days since these unfortunate
13 remarks came from this room from Mr.
14 Catone. I -- I personally try to give
15 him the benefit of the doubt. I -- I
16 don't know him but I've -- I've since
17 found out that we have a lot of common
18 friends. And they tell me I should give
19 him the benefit of the doubt. So I -- I
20 would hope that somewhere along the line,
21 we can do that. We can possibly get a
22 forum where Mr. Catone, Ms. Dalton, some
23 other folks, can walk back, if you will,
24 those unfortunate remarks to try to find
25 some common ground. Thank you.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

2 MR. FIGERAO: Francis Figerao
3 (phonetic), Saratoga Springs. Some lie
4 and say Ballston Spa, you know, we're
5 here. We are here because of the
6 statements made by your commissioner of
7 public safety.

8 Chief Crooks should also be held
9 accountable as well. That he is
10 apparently standing by these comments
11 that they made. And he's the
12 (indiscernible) conversations that they
13 had. Race bating, fear mongering. He
14 hasn't denounced anything they said.
15 Neither have any of you guys at all.
16 Nobody denounced anything they said.

17 Ni clue (phonetic) is going to be
18 releasing a statement in the next few
19 days against what was said, as well as
20 the ACLU and other organizations as well.
21 Big national organizations are looking
22 into this as well because everybody was
23 disgusted by what they heard.

24 If you think that those comments
25 that were being made were to -- were



1 going to make us safe, or make us do
2 anything that's good for our community,
3 it's not. It's stays the opposite.

4 And when you're called somebody who
5 is supposed to be a public safety
6 commission, I'm -- I live here, so I'm
7 supposed to feel safe. I don't feel safe
8 by the comments that are made by a public
9 safety commissioner and a -- and
10 assistant chief, who was probably set up
11 to do that and just wanted to let all his
12 stuff out because he knows his tenure is
13 almost up, so he has nothing to lose. He
14 can put us in danger, he can threaten us
15 with his 130 years of his family living
16 here, which I don't care how long he
17 lived here. He could have lived here for
18 ten years. You're still a citizen of
19 this community. It doesn't matter. I
20 didn't -- I didn't know you had to have a
21 certain bar of I lived here longer than
22 you, I have old money, you have new
23 money, or you don't have any money
24 because you're poor or homeless, as the
25 homeless people that we have that's all



1 over the street that we try to push away
2 during the summertime as if they don't
3 exist. Those are the people we are
4 fighting for.

5 We are trying to reallocate, yes, to
6 men -- to more mental health work and
7 more preventative to prevent violence,
8 not react to the violence. Let's stop
9 the violence before it even happens.

10 And we'd also like to see data and
11 proof of any of these things that were
12 said because there's no proof to anything
13 that was said whatsoever.

14 And there's never been no justice
15 for Darryl Mount. And there was no
16 justice for Bobby Ford either. And that
17 same officer, Catone, was working when
18 Bobby Ford was murdered by the police, as
19 well as when Darryl Mount was murdered by
20 the police. So how will we ever trust
21 anybody like that.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

23 MR. FIGERAO: Yep, thank you.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Anyone else?

25 MS. HICKENBOTTOM: Chandler



1 Hickenbottom, Ballston Spa. I also would
2 like to address what was said at the
3 press conference on the 28th. I just
4 would like to comment on the uptick on
5 violence. Just -- just from my own
6 experience and knowing anything about,
7 you know, criminology and statistics, you
8 would know that if you're going to
9 increase your police presence, that's
10 also going to increase your violence in
11 your community. So you should probably
12 do a little bit of data checks on those
13 types of things before you make big
14 decisions, like adding more police to
15 your community.

16 Also, you decided that you were
17 going to add the sheriff's department.
18 The same department that you blamed for
19 what happened at the Back the Blue rally
20 when they pepper bullet -- or pepper
21 sprayed and used pepper -

22 MR. FIGERAO: (Indiscernible).

23 MS. HICKENBOTTOM: -- bullets and
24 also used a lot of violence on your
25 community members. And you put complete



1 blame on them. You took no
2 responsibility for that. And then now
3 you want to put them on the streets with
4 your community members. The same people
5 that they hurt just last year, which
6 makes absolutely no sense.

7 If you care about any of the people
8 that you supposedly protect and serve,
9 you wouldn't be putting any of these
10 people, the sheriff's department,
11 anywhere near us. Clearly, you don't
12 care about us or protect and serve of us
13 because you're making adamant threats
14 about what you're going to do to social
15 justice workers about how in the last
16 eight months, specifically what Cantone
17 said, that he is going to change the
18 narrative, and that he's going to use his
19 130 years of white supremacy history to
20 change the narrative. No, you're not.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Anyone
22 else?

23 MR. FIGERAO: The narrative is
24 (Indiscernible) --

25 MAYOR KELLY: Anyone else?



1 MR. FIGERAO: -- (Indiscernible) --

2 MAYOR KELLY: Anyone else?

3 MR. FIGERAO: -- (Indiscernible)

4 plain and simple.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Alexis, please.

6 Please.

7 MR. WALKER: Adam Walker, Greater

8 (indiscernible) area. So for a second,

9 I --

10 MAYOR KELLY: I'm sorry, I didn't

11 get your name.

12 MR. WALKER: Adam Walker. Greater

13 (indiscernible) area. So for a second,

14 let that all soak in. Now, y'all have

15 made one statement that is truly

16 troubling. This phrase, undesired

17 people. Now, when you categorize people

18 as undesired, you may be thinking that

19 you're saying, get rid of the

20 (indiscernible) in Saratoga, but we see

21 through that. That's veiled racism. You

22 cannot call black people an undesired

23 group of people. It's simply wrong.

24 And to touch on the 130 years, it's

25 absolutely troubling that y'all would say



1 that -- that basically you would call
2 upon all those years of history to use
3 against people. You can't readdress
4 things from the slavery era. By saying a
5 hundred years, you have in fact said a
6 racist statement that you cannot go back
7 from. So I would ask you, Robin Dalton,
8 to --

9 MAYOR KELLY: Can you just address
10 the Council, not --

11 Oh I'm sorry --

12 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

13 -- I guess, Council -- sorry -- all
14 of you, describe to me what these
15 undesirable people are, what they look
16 like, where they live, who they are.

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: No, can I
18 actually answer that question?

19 MAYOR KELLY: No, there's no
20 dialogue here.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: All right.

22 MAYOR KELLY: The -- there's no
23 dialogue -- there's no dialogue. So
24 we're not in dialogue, so you can
25 continue your comment.



1 MR. WALKER: I'm done with it.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, thank you.

3 Anyone else? Okay. Any comments
4 from the Council?

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah. I'd
6 like to make a brief comment. The term
7 geographical undesirables was never used
8 by me. In fact, it was asked by Robert
9 Millis in Saratoga Flash News what would
10 we do to keep geographic undesirables
11 from coming to this location. And I
12 said, we were not going to pick or choose
13 who comes to Saratoga Springs. That's
14 what I said.

15 MR. FIGERAO: So why can't you tell
16 us that (indiscernible) --

17 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So this is not
18 a dialogue --

19 MR. FIGERAO: (Indiscernible).

20 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So this is not
21 a dialogue. Do we have any other
22 comments from the Council?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not true.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Then we are clo --
25 we're -- we are closing the public



1 comment period. Thank you.

2 MR. FIGERAO: I'll be calling you,
3 Robin. Be sure you pick up.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Unbelievable.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Going on to --
6 I -- I opened it up to the Council
7 comments, I'm sorry. The -- so the
8 public comment period is closed. We are
9 moving on to our agenda.

10 Our first item on the agenda is a
11 Presentation on the Update of the Design
12 for the Fire Station Number 3.

13 And I'll turn it over to
14 Commissioner Dalton.

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you. We
16 have Sean from Hueber Breuer here today
17 who is going to give us an update. Sean,
18 there he is. He's going to give us an
19 update on the schematic design plan for
20 fire station number 3.

21 Welcome, Sean. Thank you for
22 coming.

23 MR. FORAN: Thank you. Thank you,
24 Mayor Kelly, and Council members for
25 having me here tonight. Can you hear me?



1 MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, just --

4 MR. FORAN: (Indiscernible) --

5 MAYOR KELLY: That mic is not very
6 good.

7 MR. FORAN: My name's Sean Foran.

8 I'm with Hueber Breuer Construction. I'm
9 vice president. I manage the Division of
10 Fire --

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Sean --

12 MAYOR KELLY: (Indiscernible) at
13 home.

14 MR. FORAN: I -- oh --

15 MR. FIGERAO: (Indiscernible) I love
16 your suit. We'll see you soon. We'll be
17 back to see us.

18 MR. FORAN: Thank you.

19 MR. FIGERAO: (Indiscernible).

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
21 (Indiscernible) you already know.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Robin, don't.
23 You'll lose. Trust me.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Go ahead, I'm
25 sorry about that.



1 MR. FORAN: No worries at all. My
2 name's --

3 MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

4 MR. FORAN: -- Sean Foran. I am with
5 Hueber Breuer Construction in Syracuse.
6 Vice president. I head up the Division
7 of Fire Protection Services. I'm here
8 tonight just to update the City
9 Councilor -- City Council members on the
10 progress that has been made during the
11 schematic design phase for the proposed
12 Fire Station Number 3.

13 Just a brief introduction. Back in
14 February of 2021, we started a schematic
15 design process. This process started
16 after we completed a feasibility study.
17 The end of that feasibility study went
18 through a selection process for design.
19 The selected firm for both architectural
20 and civil was CHA out of Albany. And we
21 went through a process of about five
22 meetings for the schematic design phase,
23 to better identify and demonstrate the
24 purpose and the intent of the project.

25 The proposed critical path that I



1 believe you have in your package outlines
2 the process moving forward from today.
3 You currently have an RFP out for CM
4 services that are due next week. We are
5 hoping to start the design process in
6 August, which would allow us to have bid
7 documents completed and on the street
8 beginning of 2022.

9 That bid process and contract award
10 duration would put the position -- put
11 the City in a very good position to award
12 contracts, allowed for long lead items
13 for -- for our materials that right now
14 are tough to get in -- in the
15 construction market. Bar joists being
16 one of them. We're running into other
17 problems as well. A lot of mechanical
18 units.

19 So an early bid process in early of
20 2022 would allow the project to proceed
21 in April or May of 2022. It would
22 also -- and as you can see, will allow
23 owner occupancy as you can see in -- in
24 the spring of 2023. So right now that is
25 a critical path that we believe is



1 obtainable based on our experience with
2 fire stations in the Albany area.

3 So project budget. We -- we
4 prepared a project budget during the
5 feasibility phase that was based on a
6 square footage program analysis. That
7 analysis was driven by several meetings
8 with the fire department. We also took
9 tours through completed stations to take
10 a look at how they address program and
11 how -- try to get more out of fewer
12 square feet, so to speak. So this
13 project budget that we believe is
14 accurate for your project sitting here
15 today, total proposed project budget of
16 just over \$6.7 million.

17 And I can tell you, the -- the one
18 committed cost to date for design
19 services, we're actually under budget
20 right now at that 400,000 dollars mark.

21 So CHA and working with the Fire
22 Department and Hueber Beuer came up after
23 several renditions a schematic site plan.
24 If you're not familiar with the area,
25 this is Henning Road. And we've gone



1 from a multi-entry point schematic site
2 plan to a single point. It worked much
3 better for the project. It had a -- it
4 just had a better curb appeal when we got
5 done with it.

6 So Henning Road is at the top. You
7 can see, we have an entry coming in. the
8 parking area on top of the building would
9 be for administrative or visitor usage.
10 This is a working firehouse, though. It
11 does not have a community program piece
12 attached to it. It's for emergency
13 operations and for fire station use only.
14 So the number of non-City employed people
15 that would be coming to this station
16 would be minimal.

17 The area in the back is for the
18 staff for the department. One of the
19 things that needs to be considered is
20 they go through staff change, so you
21 think you might only need ten or twelve
22 spots, you actually need much more than
23 that because they go through a shift
24 change.

25 On the right of the darker brown box



1 is the apparatus space. It is three bays
2 that are double deep with drive through
3 bays so they can come around and -- and
4 drive through when they come back. And
5 then the rest is support and
6 administration spaces. Largely driven by
7 bunk rooms, locker rooms, shower areas,
8 training areas.

9 And then the area on the front, and
10 we'll show you in a schematic floor plan
11 in a minute, the larger area on the front
12 of the building is the emergency
13 operation center, which will be designed
14 to handle special events in the -- as
15 needed.

16 Schematic floor plan. As we touched
17 on, quickly -- I can't do this in two
18 minutes, by the way. I'm really trying.
19 I'm going as fast as I can.

20 COMMISSIONER DALTON: You're doing a
21 great job.

22 MR. FORAN: So as -- as I said,
23 three drive through bays that will house
24 six full size apparatus for the fire
25 department. You can see the area to the



1 right is a mezzanine that sits over the
2 top of the furthest left bay. That's
3 used for training and also for storage.

4 The areas along the bottom of the
5 floor plan is a schematic plan of how the
6 bunk rooms and locker and shower areas
7 would lay out. The middle area is a
8 kitchen and fitness area. And then the
9 top is the EOC center. That large white
10 box that you see at the top is EOC. The
11 remainder of the space is our -- are
12 mechanical and storage in nature.

13 So proposed -- oh easy there. I
14 know it's your first time.

15 Proposed elevation. So CHA has done
16 a good job in trying to just give the
17 City Council members and the community an
18 idea of what the outside of the building
19 will look like. These are to scale, and
20 it's somewhat difficult looking at these
21 to really comprehend what the feel of the
22 station would be. But the top elevation
23 is if you're standing on Henning Road
24 looking at the building. The middle row
25 on the left would be if you're to the



1 left of the fire bays looking at the fire
2 bays. The one on the right would be if
3 you're on the right of the building
4 looking at the administrative office
5 area. And then the low -- the bottom row
6 is what the elevation would look like
7 from the rear of the building.

8 Go ahead. This, in my opinion, I'm
9 a simple guy, construction guy, this
10 gives you a much better idea, a feel of
11 what the building will look like. So it
12 has the fire bays on the fire left having
13 masonry veneer to them. That's a fifty
14 year plus durable constructive material.

15 And then as we work towards the
16 administrative, we've gone with more of a
17 Hardie board split face block on the
18 bottom. And sorry I'm not an
19 architectural person, so I'm sure I'm not
20 using the right words. But it's meant to
21 try and blend in with the area.

22 And to that note, CHA working with
23 Chief Dolan and Asst. Chief Dyer and
24 Hueber Beuer, we've gone to DRC for
25 initial comments. They came back, I



1 know, with initially six comments that
2 they were looking for further development
3 of the site -- of the -- of the design.
4 We're scheduled to meet with them again
5 tomorrow night. We think we can improve
6 on all six of those items and -- and come
7 to, you know, a comfortable arrangement
8 with them that will meet their needs, and
9 also meet the needs of the City from a
10 budget perspective.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you.

12 MR. FORAN: Four minutes.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, that was
14 pretty --

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Very good.

16 MAYOR KELLY: -- good. Thank you.
17 I appreciate it.

18 Any questions from the Council?

19 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: How many
20 square feet is that?

21 MR. FORAN: It's -- good question.
22 Sorry. It's 16,000 square feet.

23 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: 16,000.

24 MR. FORAN: Yep.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. As always,
2 thank you for a nice, clear, crisp
3 presentation. That makes sense. I
4 appreciate it.

5 MR. FORAN: Thank you.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. I
7 appreciate it.

8 Okay. Okay. We will move on the
9 Consent Agenda. I move that the City
10 Council approve the Consent Agenda as
11 included with this agenda. This is a
12 motion; is there a second?

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
15 those in favor say aye?

16 IN UNISON: Aye.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
18 matter passes.

19 On to the Mayor's Department. My
20 first item is an Announcement: The
21 Independent Advisor Committee - New York
22 State Reform, Police Reform, and
23 Reinvention Collaborative Plan Report.
24 I'd like to introduce Kim Galvin and
25 Jason Golub. They're both here tonight,



1 and they're both going to speak.

2 So Jason, why don't you start us
3 off.

4 MR. GOLUB: Good evening, everyone.
5 I'm Jason Golub, for those of you I have
6 not met before.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Is the mic
8 still on?

9 MR. GOLUB: Yeah, you have to talk
10 loud. I'll speak --

11 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

12 MR. GOLUB: -- closer to the mic.
13 Okay. Jason Golub, Saratoga Springs. As
14 you may recall, I was part of the
15 Civilian Review Board. Sorry, the -- the
16 Police Reform Task Force, and now part of
17 the Civilian Review Board Advisory. The
18 Civilian Review Board was one of fifty or
19 so recommendations that we made as part
20 of our Police Reform and Reimagination
21 Task Force to this council in -- in
22 response to the Government Cuomo's
23 executive order.

24 We spent approximately seven months
25 evaluating potential recommendations.



1 And we determined what recommendations
2 would be most impactful in advancing the
3 needs of our community, and reimagining
4 police oversight in a way to build trust,
5 transparency, and accountability.

6 The Civilian Review Board was a key
7 recommendation, albeit one that was met
8 with some concerns and questions. CRBs
9 at their best serve as -- a check and
10 balance on the exercise of police
11 authority, which in turns fosters
12 civilian trust, police transparency, and
13 community engagement. However, while
14 there are more than 200 CRBs across the
15 country, many have been ineffective in
16 furthering that goal, which has raised
17 concerns over whether or not a CRB will
18 be impactful and effective in our
19 community.

20 The purpose of our CRB Advisory
21 Committee is to evaluate those concerns
22 and the questions raised by this council
23 in response to the task force
24 recommendations. You'll also evaluate
25 cities where there are CRBs and where



1 there have been successes with CRBs in
2 order to understand what they have done
3 that have allowed them to be successful.

4 And we'll build off the work
5 completed by the task force and provide
6 the City Council with a detailed plan for
7 how to best implement a CRB in our
8 community in a way that will be
9 supported, legal, and impactful.

10 In terms of limitations of our work.
11 I'd like to highlight that we are not
12 providing the City Council with a new
13 recommendation concerning whether or not
14 a CRB should be implemented. I do not
15 believe it is the place of this advisory
16 committee to undo the work of the Police
17 Reform Task Force, who worked for many
18 months at the direction of this Council,
19 and closely with the public, interest
20 groups, and the police.

21 I believe our role is to provide the
22 Council with research that will allow you
23 to confidently implement a CRB that makes
24 sense. What I do not want for our city
25 is a CRB in name only that ultimately



1 does not meet the goals for which it was
2 intended, or provide an added level of
3 oversight around potential wrongdoing.

4 CRBs can protect civilians and
5 members of the police force. They could
6 also be a giant waste of money and do
7 more damage than good. It is critical
8 that we get this right for our community,
9 and that is where our focus will be.

10 In terms of a time line, my goal is
11 to provide a report to both the community
12 and the City Council no later than early
13 October 2021, with monthly updates until
14 then. At that time I would recommend
15 allowing me and Kim to walk through our
16 research with the City Council and answer
17 any questions you might have.

18 Over the course of the -- the next
19 few months, we will undertake the
20 following steps. As I mentioned, we will
21 examine similar situated cities that have
22 successfully implemented a CRB. The goal
23 is to speak to those cities who have
24 found success and understand their
25 process of implementation, scope of their



1 CRBs, legal hurdles, what happens to
2 recommendations from the CRB in both the
3 community and police department
4 involvement in standing up and supporting
5 the CRB.

6 It is critical for us to understand
7 what makes CRBs succeed or fail before we
8 develop our path forward. Using new
9 tools and better structuring to avoid
10 past problems with effectiveness is
11 important for making CRBs better at the
12 police accountability they're intended to
13 address.

14 We will also develop a proposed
15 implementation framework, including
16 potential scope of the CRBs power,
17 budget, and legal charter issues. And
18 finally, we will develop a framework for
19 a two-year CRB pilot program. Again,
20 including budget, staff, scope of CRB
21 powers, and community engagement and
22 support.

23 The totality of our research will be
24 provided to the City Council and the
25 public. It will then be up to the City



1 Council to determine what to do with both
2 the recommendations of the Police Reform
3 Task Force and the CRB Advisory Committee
4 findings.

5 I would like to close by saying that
6 a CRB is only component of police reform.
7 Transparency and account -- and
8 accountability that have done well will
9 make Saratoga Springs safer for everyone.

10 I believe a CRB can be an impactful
11 element of police reform, but one that
12 will only succeed if we work closely with
13 the community, the police department and
14 the City Council to develop something
15 that everyone can support.

16 Everyone has to come to the table
17 for this to work and for our community to
18 heal. We have seen where continued
19 divisiveness has gotten us, and it is
20 nowhere good. Thank you.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: May I ask a
23 quick question?

24 MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: So I -- it was



1 my understanding that you were going to
2 facilitate the implementation of all
3 fifty, or are you just working
4 specifically on the Civilian Review Board
5 piece?

6 MR. GOLUB: Yes. So I was speaking
7 to the Civilian Review Board piece.

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay.

9 MR. GOLUB: Kim will speak to the
10 other.

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Gotcha. Thank
12 you.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Yep. Yep.

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Appreciate
15 that.

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: On the other
17 forty-nine, yes.

18 MR. GOLUB: No pressure, Kim.

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Kim -- thank
21 you. Kim Galvin.

22 MS. GALVIN: I don't really have all
23 forty-nine set out numerically, but I can
24 just speak generally that I have talked
25 with and met with the police department,



1 who is necessary to implement the
2 remaining --

3 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Forty-nine.

4 MR. GOLUB: Forty-nine.

5 MS. GALVIN: -- forty-nine. In sum
6 and substance of the recommendations that
7 the task force made, I've spoken with the
8 chief on the phone on several
9 occasions -- Chief Catone, on several
10 occasions. And had a -- a long and
11 productive meeting with them that lasted
12 over three hours, in which we went over
13 the resolution that the City Council
14 passed regarding the task force
15 recommendations.

16 What I can update you as to where
17 they are right now, I'd like to highlight
18 that everything they do -- and this is
19 just simply a fact -- everything they do
20 now, they have to do with current
21 personnel. So when those personnel come
22 together, the police are off the street
23 and they're not out patrolling the areas
24 or -- or doing their regular jobs. So
25 keep that in mind as we go through all



1 the advancements that they've made.

2 With regard to training, they
3 received a 25,000-dollar grant for
4 training. They're going to focus this
5 training on implicit bias, de-escalation,
6 and a new sort of training called duty to
7 intervene. Where one police officer may
8 be a witness to something that another
9 police officer is doing that is
10 incorrect, what are the duties there for
11 that one officer to intervene.

12 These trainings will be in addition
13 to any regular trainings that you do.
14 And if you recall, through the task
15 force, they do numerous trainings
16 throughout each year. And these are not
17 required by the State. They do these as
18 extra incentive and training for their
19 officers.

20 The entire department will be
21 trained, again, on de-escalation,
22 implicit bias, and the duty to intervene.
23 And that is scheduled to take place in
24 the fall.

25 They also, in addition, sent two



1 officers to be trained on procedural
2 justice. If you recall, train the
3 trainer was one of the methodologies they
4 used that kept down the cost, but also
5 allowed them to get the expertise. And
6 then those trained officers would come
7 back and train the rest of the officers
8 on the force.

9 So funding is needed. As funding is
10 going to be needed for all these things,
11 but that's not my purview.

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Quick update,
13 I'm sorry. We did get the 25,000-dollar
14 grant from Cary Warner to implement the
15 de-escalation. That was just a recent
16 update.

17 MS. GALVIN: Right. That was the
18 first one.

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yes.

20 MS. GALVIN: The Procedural Justice
21 Training, they did the two train the
22 trainers, and now they're going to move
23 forward with that additional training of
24 the entire department.

25 They did form an internal working



1 group of six members of the force at
2 various levels to go over each and every
3 time that is contained in the resolution.
4 I think they quickly referred to it as
5 eighteen to thirty-six. So there's a
6 number for you. That go over their
7 current policies. They're gathering --
8 they showed me, in fact, the -- they're
9 gathering the materials from other
10 departments. They're comparing them.
11 It's summer, it's busy, but they're
12 getting together, these six people, when
13 they can, and they're hopeful to have new
14 ideas and new modifications to their
15 current procedures shortly.

16 Transparency was another big issue.
17 I would encourage -- hang on just one
18 second -- the people that are concerned
19 with transparency, look to the police's
20 annual report that they submitted in
21 December. It is significant. It is
22 long. It is filled with data. It is
23 filled with data on domestic violence
24 cases. Overall use of force, broken out
25 by gender, age, complete crime



1 statistics. I had not seen this when I
2 looked for it. It's difficult to -- to
3 find. If you're looking, it's in with
4 the regular traffic report and the fire
5 department report, but it is a
6 significant enhancement to the normal
7 reports that the police department
8 provides.

9 Which leads you, again, to
10 transparency and technology. The
11 public -- the police department has met
12 with an independent company to try to
13 build their own website. They believe
14 that if they have access to and can
15 upload things more routinely and quickly,
16 they can get the information out to the
17 public and to the elected officials in
18 more real time. They also explained that
19 the City Council is currently upgrading
20 their website, so that may be another
21 possibility. But you can't deny that if
22 there was a page set for the fire
23 department and the police department,
24 people wouldn't have to quell through so
25 many documents in each department to find



1 exactly what they're looking for.

2 They also are going to request that
3 they be provided funding for a dan --
4 data analytics person. When you look
5 through that report of forty-plus pages,
6 you'll see there's a lot of pie graphs,
7 statistics, charts. And like I said, the
8 police officers themselves, or the
9 command staff, are in charge of doing
10 that. Some -- only some have the ability
11 or the talent. I personally would not
12 have that ability. So again, it takes
13 some time to put those things together.

14 They also reference certain reports
15 they have to give to the State every
16 month, and it would be easier just to
17 upload those particular items onto their
18 own website if they could control it.

19 They talked about a new proactive
20 measure. Not relatively new, not
21 completely new for the homeless cause
22 where transitional services, code blue,
23 and SOS are proactively reaching out to
24 the homeless communities in an attempt to
25 try to quell down or deal with any



1 potential problems that may happen and
2 try to prevent them. Cut them off at the
3 pass, if you will.

4 The police department will only
5 attend or dispatch to those calls if
6 requested to do so by one of the agencies
7 that I believe we all agree are most
8 suited to -- to deal with those
9 situations.

10 In addition, the chief has met with
11 the Saratoga County Mental Health
12 Department to figure out the best ways to
13 address the increasing mental health type
14 calls, and they have a PSA posted to
15 affo -- inform the public of resources
16 available for those things.

17 The mission statement is in the
18 process of being updated. The new
19 complaint form has been sent to the City
20 for posting. Community police type
21 interactions they did not speak about,
22 but I looked through their social media
23 pages to see, spending the day with CARE
24 (phonetic) students, sponsoring little
25 leagues, ice creams, giving out bicycles.



1 A lot of the things they didn't tell me
2 about, but I know that they have been out
3 there in the community doing those sorts
4 of activities as well.

5 The thing that I found in my opinion
6 most important was the reorganization of
7 their police department. They actually
8 created a professional standards
9 department, if you will. They created a
10 professional standards. It used to be
11 called Internal Affairs. You see it on
12 the TV shows all the time. The cops
13 that -- that police the cops. I think
14 professional standards is a nicer,
15 less -- less angry way to say that.

16 They took one lieutenant and they
17 made that their full-time job. And that
18 lieutenant now is going to be separated
19 from a patrolman on the street that may
20 have a complaint made against them with
21 their direct supervisor. All of that
22 information is going to go to this
23 particular lieutenant. He may still have
24 shift supervisors gather the information,
25 but that lieutenant alone will be



1 responsible for investigating that
2 particular complaint.

3 If the complaint is deemed to be not
4 founded, the chief and the assistant
5 chief would still have to review that
6 work and that investigation and sign off
7 on it. If the complaint is called
8 founded, the chiefs then review it as
9 well. If discipline is recommended with
10 more than three -- more than a three-day
11 suspension, which by contract is all the
12 chief is allowed to dispense by himself,
13 then civil service law requires the city
14 attorney, the labor attorney, the Union
15 to all become involved and to negotiate a
16 settlement there.

17 If there's an allegation that's been
18 a crime, alleges a crime committed by the
19 police officer, it's treated just like a
20 crime. There will be referral working
21 with the district attorney's office to
22 investigate the crime. There also has to
23 be a parallel and not connected internal
24 investigation because some of the things,
25 like the Taylor law require police to



1 give statements that may otherwise
2 subject themselves to a violation of the
3 Fifth Amendment. So those are parallel
4 tracks.

5 But I asked, what if you see that
6 the officer has committed a crime, and
7 they both looked at me. And I said, you
8 know, a crime. Well, then we treat it
9 like a crime. And they gave various
10 examples of people that have been
11 arrested that were on the force. Many
12 more than you would think if you -- if
13 you were just a person living in the
14 city, such as me.

15 And one issue with the lieutenant
16 now in -- in charge of professional
17 standards is that the same lieutenant
18 used to be in charge of emergency
19 management and special events. And
20 moving into the summer, we're going to
21 have to see if pulling someone out of
22 there has an impact on how those things
23 are functioning. But the police command
24 staff is doing their best to backfill the
25 positions. And each lieutenant has



1 been -- been trained on professional
2 standards as well to kind of fill in.
3 And they're doing the same with emergency
4 management and special events.

5 And one other thing that they
6 mentioned, that I think is worth
7 commenting here is mutual aid. As you
8 see, there's been a great influx of
9 troopers or sheriff's department in the
10 city. As I was sitting there waiting for
11 my meeting, a whole host of law
12 enforcement types went past me, and there
13 I was thinking, okay, they probably think
14 I'm under arrest or something but I'll
15 just sit here and smile at them all. And
16 they were meeting to coordinate how to
17 keep the city safe. As you heard some of
18 speakers talk about, I -- I believe the
19 intention of the police department and
20 those that were in that meeting were --
21 that a presence may prevent a lot of the
22 things that have been popping up or
23 occurring.

24 And as we learned through the task
25 force, the home -- the home team, the



1 Saratoga Springs Police Department, will
2 be responsible for what occurs during
3 those mutual aid sessions with the other
4 departments. So Chief Crooks and his
5 staff will be responsible for the things
6 that occur.

7 That's my update for this update.
8 Personally, I think they had a lot more
9 to say. They talk very fast. They talk
10 faster than I do, and I could only take
11 notes as quickly as I could. But I'm
12 sure they will be updating me, and would
13 be having an update -- Jason or anyone
14 else -- as -- as we move forward.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you.
16 Any comments from the Council?

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I think
19 you're off to a very good start.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. That was good.
21 Very good.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That was very
23 good.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

25 MS. GALVIN: Thank you.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Yep. Okay. Thank you
2 both for coming in tonight. I appreciate
3 it. And we'll continue on and we will be
4 meeting each month with just a -- a short
5 update.

6 The -- my second item is Discussion
7 and Vote: Request for City Planning Board
8 for Extension of Time on the Advisory
9 Opinion Regarding the UDO, the Unified
10 Development Ordinance. The City's
11 Planning Board and the Design Review
12 Commission have requested an extension of
13 the original sixty day review of their
14 advisory opinions of the UDO. The
15 receipt -- received date of the advisory
16 opinions was expected on July 3rd. Our
17 votes to approve tonight will -- will
18 just extend the time until the 17th. And
19 we will discuss their advisory opinions
20 along with the County Planning Board
21 opinions at our July 20th meeting.

22 I move that the City Council approve
23 the request from the Planning Board for a
24 two-week extension of time to provide the
25 Council with advisory opinion for the



1 Unified Development Ordinance, the UDO.

2 This is a motion; is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
5 those in favor say aye.

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
8 matter passes.

9 My third item is Discussion and
10 Vote: Request for Design Review
11 Commission for Extension of Time on
12 Advisory Opinion for the Unified
13 Development Ordinance, the UDO. I move
14 that the City Council approve the request
15 from the Design Review Commission for a
16 two-week extension of time to provide the
17 Council with an advisory opinion for the
18 Unified Development Ordinance, the UDO.
19 This is a motion; is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
22 those in favor say aye.

23 IN UNISON: Aye.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any -- any opposed?
25 The matter passes.



1 My third item is Discussion and
2 Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign
3 M -- MOA with R.S. Taylor & Sons Brewery,
4 LLC. Due to circumstances caused by the
5 pandemic, R.S. Taylor, a recipient of the
6 City's economic development revolving
7 loan program has gone into default on
8 their loan payments. The proposed
9 memorandum of agreement outlines a
10 temporary repayment agreement, which will
11 expire in December of this year. At that
12 point, the business' finances will be
13 reevaluated and a permanent repayment
14 agreement will be negotiated and
15 presented to the City Council for
16 approval.

17 I move that the City Council
18 authorize the Mayor to sign a memorandum
19 of agreement with R.S. Taylor & Sons
20 Brewery, LLC. This is a motion; is there
21 a second?

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
24 those in favor say aye.

25 IN UNISON: Aye.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
2 matter passes.

3 My fifth item is Discussion and
4 Vote: Update Recreation Department Part-
5 Time -- Part-Time Seasonal
6 Personnel/Referee Hourly Rates. I move
7 that the City Council increase the 2021
8 recreation department time seasonal
9 personnel/referee hourly as follows.
10 Increase rate for Camp Saradac
11 counselor's from twelve fifty to fourteen
12 an hour. Increase rate for returning
13 Camp Saradac counselors is fourteen
14 twenty-five. Increased rate for
15 returning youth parking supervisor from
16 fourteen to fifteen an hour. This is a
17 motion; is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
20 those in favor say aye?

21 IN UNISON: Aye.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
23 matter passes.

24 My next item is Discussion and Vote
25 to Accept a Donation from Saratoga



1 Springs Friends of Recreation - Community
2 Foundation for Camp Saradac in the amount
3 of 1,000 dollars. I move that the City
4 Council accept the donation in -- in the
5 amount of 1,000 from Saratoga Springs
6 Friends of Recreation - Community
7 Foundation for Camp Saradac. This is a
8 motion; is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

10 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
12 those in favor say aye?

13 IN UNISON: Aye.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
15 matter passes.

16 My next item is Discussion and Vote;
17 Accept the Donation from Hawley
18 Foundation for Camp Saradac Scholarships
19 in the Amount of 25,000. I move that the
20 City Council accept this donation of
21 25,00 from the Hawley Foundation for Camp
22 Saradac Scholarships. This is a motion;
23 is there a second:

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you to
2 the Hawley Foundation. That's an
3 incredibly generous donation. And it's
4 going to make a lot of kids really happy
5 this summer.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. All those in
7 favor say aye?

8 IN UNISON: Aye.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
10 matter passes.

11 My eighth item are Appointments to
12 the Design Review Commission. I am
13 appointing Karen Cavotta to the Design
14 Review Commission for the term effective
15 today and expiring June 30th, 2026.
16 Karen has served on the DRC previously,
17 and I'm pleased to welcome her back. She
18 is replacing Les -- Leslie Mecham, whose
19 term ended 6/30/21, and I'd like to thank
20 Leslie for her service to the DRC.

21 I am reappointing Chris Bennett for
22 the term effective today, expiring June
23 30th, 2026. Thank you, Chris, for
24 serving again.

25 I am appointing Tad Roemer, who has



1 been an alternate member to finish the
2 term -- term of Sean Smith, effective
3 today, expiring June 30th, 2023. Sean
4 recently resigned, and I'd like to thank
5 him for his service to the DRC.

6 Finally, I'm appointing Jeff
7 Gritsavage as an alternate to the Design
8 Review Commission for the term of -- of
9 July 6th, 2021 to June 30th, 2023. Jeff
10 is currently a project merit -- manager
11 for the New York State Canal Corporation
12 Design Bureau. He has degrees in public
13 administration re -- and regional
14 planning. He lives in Saratoga for the
15 last few years and he has now recently
16 purchased a home here.

17 My ninth item is an Announcement:
18 2021 Youth Parking Program. Starting
19 July 9th, the Youth Parking Program will
20 be collecting parking fees at the lower
21 deck of the Put -- Putnam Street Parking
22 Garage located in Downtown Saratoga
23 Springs on July 9th and 10th, and then
24 July 15th through September 4th, every
25 day, except Monday and Tuesdays.



1 The program, which is operated by
2 the City of Saratoga Springs Recreation
3 Department, raises money to help support
4 recreation department programs. The
5 program also collects fees at the corner
6 of Wright Street and Jackson Street
7 during the track season. A complete list
8 of fees and dates can be found on our
9 website.

10 And that concludes my agenda. I'll
11 turn it over to Commissioner Franck in
12 Accounts.

13 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
14 Mayor.

15 The first item is Discussion and
16 Vote: Adopt Resolution to Extend Outdoor
17 Seating to Midnight, October 30th of this
18 fall, 2021. The current resolution for
19 outdoor seating expired at the end of
20 June. We have worked with City Attorney
21 Vince Deleonardis and the committee
22 that -- ad hoc committee that we put
23 together to extend the outdoor seating to
24 midnight, October 30th, 2021. Therefore,
25 I'd move for the City Council to adopt



1 the resolution to extend outdoor seating
2 to midnight, October 30th, 2021, as
3 included with the agenda. And that's a
4 motion.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I think it's
9 great that we're extending. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thanks.

11 Thanks a lot to Vince and the committee.
12 They did a lot of hard work.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah, thanks.

14 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
15 aye?

16 IN UNISON: Aye.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
18 matter passes.

19 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
20 Mayor.

21 The second item is Discussion and
22 Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign
23 Contract with Adirondack Cabling, Inc.
24 The contract attached to the agenda
25 without Adirondack Cabling is for



1 additional security measures. I move to
2 authorize the Mayor to sign the contract
3 with Adirondack Cabling, Inc. -- Cable
4 and Inc. -- Cabling, Inc., as included
5 with the agenda. This is a motion.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
9 those in favor say aye?

10 IN UNISON: Aye.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
12 matter passes.

13 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
14 Mayor.

15 The third item is Award of Bid: Bid
16 Extension to Surpass Chemical for Sodium
17 Hypochlorite. Upon the recommendation of
18 the Department of Public Works, I move to
19 extend the award of bid to Surpass
20 Chemical for sodium hypochlorite for an
21 additional year under the same terms,
22 conditions, and price as in bid 2020-12.
23 And that's a motion.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

25 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
2 those in favor say aye.

3 IN UNISON: Aye.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
5 matter passes.

6 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: The fourth
7 item, as I -- I'd like to Set up a Public
8 Hearing for a Capital Budget Amendment
9 for the City Security Measures for
10 Streetscapes and City Buildings. I'm
11 setting a public hearing for -- hopefully
12 you can do it for the next City Council
13 meeting on July 20th, 2021 at 6:55 -- at
14 6:55.

15 The fifth item is Award of Bid:
16 Extension of Bid - HVAC Services to BPI
17 Mechanical for DPW. Upon the
18 recommendation of the Department of
19 Public Works, I move to extend the award
20 of bid for Surpass Chemical for sodium
21 hypochlorite for an additional year under
22 the same terms, conditions, and price as
23 in bid 2020-12. And that is a motion?

24 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
2 those in favor say aye.

3 IN UNISON: Aye.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
5 matter passes.

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Number 6 is
7 Discussion and Vote: Merit to Forward
8 Weibel Plaza Commercial PUD Amendment to
9 the City and County Planning Boards for
10 an Advisory Opinion. Before -- I'll just
11 read this briefly and then I -- then I'll
12 bring the city attorney out. We received
13 an application for a zoning text
14 amendment regarding a parcel of land on
15 Weibel Ave load -- located right behind
16 Kohl's. The Council needs to decide if
17 it has merit for review by the City and
18 Counties Planning Board.

19 So before I make my motion, I just
20 wanted to bring the city attorney out to
21 go over that.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

23 MR. DELEONARDIS: thank you,
24 Commissioner. The Weibel Plaza
25 Commercial P -- PUD or planned unit



1 development, is a PUD that dates back, I
2 think, to the early 1990s. This PUD,
3 like some of the other PUDs that we have
4 in the city, was actually broken up into
5 multiple zones. And the zone at issue
6 here currently remains undeveloped but
7 they want to maintain their options to
8 develop in the future.

9 It actually is behind, I believe,
10 the Tractor Supply and Kohl's. There's a
11 sixteen-plus acre vacant parcel. So the
12 only changes to the PUD is the expiration
13 date, I think, to carry it forward to
14 2024 and to add wholesale and
15 distribution to the allowable uses
16 permitted in that zone.

17 The item up for discussion and vote
18 is simply to determine that it has merit
19 for review, and then to refer that matter
20 to the County and City Planning Boards
21 for an advisory opinion. After that
22 opinion's received by the Council, you
23 will then decide whether or not it
24 warrants a public hearing and moving
25 forward with the adoption of the PUD.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Great.

2 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Is there any
3 questions for that?

4 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. So
5 they want to -- they want to --

6 MAYOR KELLY: Extend.

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- extend it?

8 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And they want
10 to amend it?

11 MR. DELEONARDIS: They want to
12 extend it and amend it. The extension is
13 simply related to Zone B, which the date
14 has passed. So they want to allow that
15 to extend into 2024 to allow for future
16 development. There are forty --
17 forty-one, I believe, permitted uses.
18 They want to add a forty-second permitted
19 use. That's the only other change, and
20 that relates to wholesale distribution
21 and warehouse.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Thank
23 you.

24 MAYOR KELLY: That's good.

25 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Therefore, I



1 move the zoning text amendment proposed
2 for the Weibel Plaza Commercial PUD has
3 merit for review and would be forwarded
4 to the City and County Planning Boards
5 for an advisory opinion. And that's a
6 motion.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
10 those in favor say aye.

11 IN UNISON: Aye.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
13 matter passes.

14 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Mayor, I have
15 to go back and do number 5 again. I was
16 in the right church but the wrong pew.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: So that's my
19 fault. So I had the right heading but
20 I -- there was a reprint from previous,
21 so.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: If you heard a
24 repeat, it was a repeat. So Number 5,
25 to -- is Award of Bid: Extension of Bid



1 for HVAC Services to BPI Mechanical for
2 DPW. Upon the recommendation of the
3 Department of Public Works, I make -- I
4 move to extend the award of bid to BPI
5 Mechanical for an additional year under
6 the same terms, conditions, and price.
7 And that's a motion.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
11 those in favor say aye.

12 IN UNISON: Aye.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
14 matter passes.

15 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I want to set
16 up another public hearing, hopefully for
17 the right place. Give it a shot here.
18 Number 7 is Set Public Hearing: Saratoga
19 Regional YMCA Zoning Text Amendment. On
20 April 20th, 2021, the City Council voted
21 to forward the zoning text message to the
22 City and County Planning Boards for
23 advisory opinions. We have received the
24 advisory opinions and comments from both
25 boards. The next step is to set up a



1 public hearing. Due to advertising time,
2 we'll have to move this to the first
3 meeting on Tuesday, Aug -- August 3rd and
4 6:55 -- for 6:55.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Perfect.

6 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: And that --
7 that concludes my agenda.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you,
9 Commissioner.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Mayor Kelly,
11 can I ask for a sixty second bathroom
12 break?

13 MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.
15 Sorry, guys.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Take one -- one minute
17 break. Thank you.

18 (Pause in proceedings.)

19 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Let's move on
20 now to Department of Finance.

21 Commissioner Madigan.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: All right.
23 Thank you, Mayor.

24 The first item on my agenda is an
25 Update on City Finances. This has been



1 an ongoing report on city revenue
2 expenses and cash flow, as well as the
3 status of federal and state funding.
4 Tonight I'll focus on the 2021 mid-year
5 budget amendments submitted pursuant to
6 the approved recommendations voted on
7 unanimously at the 6/15/21 City Council
8 meeting.

9 Estimated revenue is very strong.
10 Stronger now than when the 2021 budget
11 was actually adopted. The 2021 mid-year
12 budget amendments total an estimated 2.3
13 million. And again, were approved
14 unanimously at our last City Council
15 meeting on June 15th. They included the
16 following. I'm going to review them
17 because then we're going to actually do
18 the amendments.

19 Employee contracts, which we are
20 actually not doing this evening until the
21 MOU is signed with the various unions,
22 does approximately going -- it's going to
23 be about an expense of 950,000 dollars,
24 and we're looking at an -- an effective
25 date of August 1, 2021.



1 The City Hall security project right
2 now does total 238,584 dollars. In
3 addition to securing access to the
4 building, we will be implementing two
5 full time, one is actually a greeter,
6 another person who will work in the
7 public -- in the Department of Public
8 Safety as a backup to the greeter, as the
9 ID clerk. So we -- we're going to
10 hire -- hire two people to make all of
11 this happen out there in the hall.

12 They will be under the authority of
13 the Public Safety Department to cover
14 opening.

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Perfect.

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: The Mayor's
17 department totals 101,037 dollars. An
18 assistant building inspector, full time;
19 City historian, part time; Saratoga
20 Convention and Tourism Bureau and the
21 senior center. The finance department
22 totaled 64,856 dollars. Information
23 technology director. We are looking to
24 replace our long time -- long-time IT
25 director, who is retiring at end's year.



1 And this will cover two months overlap
2 for critical information transfer.

3 Computer support tech. One of our
4 former computer support technology
5 employees has become our security
6 specialist. This is to refill that
7 opening.

8 In the Public Works Department, we
9 total 97,305 dollars. And in the Public
10 Works Recreation Department, we total
11 153,820 dollars. That includes four --
12 four full-time laborers for de --
13 dedicated to recreation department needs.
14 Also, a laborer in highways, labor in
15 parks and casino, hazardous waste
16 education, and one full-time electrician.

17 The Public Safety Department totals
18 688,710 dollars. This is for three
19 police officers to go to the academy.
20 The policer officers twelve-hour shift
21 change, overtime and comp time for police
22 and fire departments.

23 The Accounts Department totals
24 88,779 dollars. This is the assistant
25 assessor overlap. As our long-time



1 assistant assessor is also retiring
2 shortly and prior to year's end. So this
3 covers about six months overlap for
4 critical information transfer. And a
5 fixed asset inventory clerk, part time.

6 In the recreation department, we do
7 have a change from the last meeting.
8 We're going to revise their total from
9 zero to now \$43,323,89. That's for a
10 program coordinator, full time
11 replacement.

12 Increased expenses are predicted on
13 an increase in the estimated revenue. So
14 all of this increase and expenses is
15 coming with an increase in revenue that's
16 happening right now. These will be
17 primarily sales tax and VLT.

18 Several revenues were budgeted at
19 amounts lower than we received or are
20 newly projected. As I just said, we're
21 going to increase sale tax by, looks
22 like, two million VLT. We're receiving
23 an extra 1,162,000. Mortgage tax is
24 going to go up by 350,000.

25 Some of these things. We're getting



1 more fees from the planning board, more
2 building permit fees. That comes into a
3 total of about 182,000 dollars. Federal
4 aid is actually a decrease. We budgeted
5 five million but we're only getting
6 3,924,000. So that's a decrease in
7 revenue of 1,076,000.

8 Parking ticket revenue is going
9 down. And as is rental casino -- casino
10 rental is down approximately 48,000. So
11 the total increase in revenue is
12 2,686,851 dollars.

13 We are experiencing the positive
14 results of working together through the
15 financial challenges of the pandemic
16 economy. We have managed to protect
17 essential services, maintain financial
18 stability.

19 We received an outstanding bond
20 rating once again. Double A plus. And
21 now we come move forward with revising
22 the 2021 budget, which was always our
23 plan if indeed things started to turn
24 around.

25 So with that said, I will now go



1 through the discussion and votes of the
2 2021 mid-year budget amendments. Again,
3 these do not include the budget
4 amendments required to cover the employee
5 contracts. They -- these will occur once
6 the MOUs with each union have been agreed
7 to and voted upon.

8 So each type of amendment, Payroll,
9 Benefits, and Regular, are required to be
10 grouped and presented separately. So
11 with that, Item Number 2 is a Discussion
12 and Vote: 2021 Mid-Year Budget Amendments
13 - Payroll. These are amendments to
14 payroll and Social Security lines to
15 cover the hiring costs associated with
16 the 2021 mid-year budget amendments,
17 including items for every department as I
18 just described.

19 The total com -- the total combined
20 expense with balancing revenue items for
21 this budget amendment is \$954,417.79. I
22 move that the City Council approve the
23 2021 mid-year budget amendments - payroll
24 as clue -- included with the agenda.
25 This is a motion.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? I
4 just want to thank you. I know that, you
5 know, it was a lot of work for your
6 budget director and your team, and
7 Christine Gillmett-Brown. Everybody
8 worked together, so I appreciate all
9 the -- that hard work.

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.
11 It was, like, doing another little budget
12 in the middle of the year. And guess
13 what you're going to get next week? The
14 budget call letter. All right.

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: We really
16 appreciate it. The Public Safety
17 especially appreciates it. We -- I don't
18 know how we would have managed this
19 summer if we didn't have these additional
20 resources.

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I know.

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: So thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It's going to
24 be a tough summer. Thank you.

25 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say



1 aye?

2 IN UNISON: Aye.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? That
4 matter passes.

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item Number 3
6 is a Discussion and Vote: 2021 Mid-Year
7 Budget Amendments - Benefits. These are
8 amendments to the benefit lines,
9 including hospitalization and vision
10 insurance, as well as the City's
11 retirement contributions to cover the
12 hiring costs associated with the 2021
13 mid-year budget amendments. The combined
14 total expense and revenue totaled
15 \$190,303.43.

16 I move that the City Council approve
17 the 2021 mid-year budget amendments -
18 benefits as included with the agenda.
19 This is a motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
23 those in favor say aye.

24 IN UNISON: Aye.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The



1 matter passes.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item Number
3 4, Discussion and Vote: 2021 Mid-Year
4 Budget Amendments - Regular. These are
5 increases. These are amendments to
6 equipment and contracted services lines,
7 also known as regular, to cover requests
8 from the Mayor, Finance, Public Works,
9 and Risk and Safety. The amendment to
10 begin the project of increased security
11 cameras Downtown is included here also.
12 So the combined total expense and revenue
13 increase is 92,875 dollars.

14 I move that the City Council approve
15 the 2021 mid-year budget amendments -
16 regular, as included with the agenda.
17 This is a motion.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I just want
22 to point out that this is not the total
23 for cameras. Commissioner Franck set a
24 public hearing on his agenda for the next
25 City Council meeting where we will amend



1 the capital budget for the remaining
2 security issues in the Downtown.

3 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Right. All those in
5 favor say aye.

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
8 matter passes.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item Number 5
10 is a Discussion and Vote: Budget
11 Transfers - Payroll. Lines 1 through 2
12 transfer seasonal labor funds to cover
13 the Camp Saradac director's salary, in an
14 amount of 6,800 dollars.

15 I move that the City Council approve
16 budget transfers - payroll, as included
17 with the agenda. This is a motion.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
21 those in favor say aye.

22 IN UNISON: Aye.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
24 matter passes.

25 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.



1 Item Number 6 is Discussion and Vote:
2 Budget Transfers - Capital Payroll.
3 Lines 1 through 4 transfer funds from the
4 southeast storm drainage project to the
5 storm sewer infrastructure project for
6 its labor and Social Security costs in
7 the amount of 3 million -- 3,106.93
8 dollars.

9 I move that the City Council approve
10 the budget transfers - capital payroll,
11 as included with the agenda. This is a
12 motion.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
16 those in favor say aye.

17 IN UNISON: Aye.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
19 matter passes.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: My last two
21 items are resolution and agreement for a
22 payment in lieu of taxes, also known as
23 the PILOT. This allows the organization
24 to make a payment in the alternative to
25 the full tax payment for a certain number



1 of years in exchange for a public benefit
2 to the City, such as affordable housing.

3 The City has had a cooperation
4 agreement with the Housing Authority
5 since the early 1950s, in which the
6 authority provides certain payments in
7 lieu of taxes, relative to the 176 multi-
8 family dwelling units known as Stonequist
9 Apartments. The affordable housing
10 project will be undergoing a renovation
11 to -- a renovation and modernization of
12 the interior of the structure. And HUD
13 has authorized the conversion of the
14 project from Section 9 public housing to
15 Section 8 assistance.

16 At the last City Council meeting,
17 the Council unanimously adopted a
18 resolution declaring the action -- a Type
19 II action under SEQRA, and authorized the
20 Mayor to execute all documents necessary
21 for the environmental review.

22 The resolution on the agenda allows
23 for the PILOT and authorizes the Mayor to
24 execute the PILOT on behalf to the City.
25 The payments to be provided under the



1 PILOT will continue to be the same as
2 they are under the existing cooperation
3 agreement, which is ten percent of the
4 rents collected during a fiscal year.
5 The PILOT will run for a period of forty
6 years.

7 The city attorney worked on this
8 with Tony Popolizio, the assistant
9 assessor in the Accounts Department, and
10 Christine Gillmett-Brown, the Director of
11 Finance, in the Finance Department,
12 developing the PILOT with the Housing
13 Authority.

14 Vince, I don't know if you want to
15 add anything? I think I covered it but
16 you're welcome to.

17 MR. DELEONARDIS: Couldn't have said
18 it better myself, but if there are any
19 questions, I'd be happy to address them.

20 MAYOR KELLY: No, I'm good.

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: All right.
22 So that was the explanation. Now, for my
23 motion. Item Number 7, Discussion and
24 Vote: Resolution Authorizing New
25 Cooperation Agreement for Stonequist



1 Apartments. This is a motion.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? I
5 just want to say that --

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: No, that
7 wasn't that right.

8 MAYOR KELLY: That's not your
9 motion?

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: No, that's my
11 item for my agenda. Let me back up.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. There you go.

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I'm sorry.

14 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: One second.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: One second.

16 Here's the motion. That was my item
17 number 7. I move that the City Council
18 approve the resolution authorizing the
19 new cooperation agreement for Stonequist
20 Apartments, as included with the agenda.
21 This is a motion.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? I'd
25 just like to say that it is an amazing



1 job that Paul Feldman has done over
2 there. I don't know if anybody has seen
3 that.

4 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

5 MAYOR KELLY: And also what he's
6 doing at Vanderbilt and Jefferson
7 Terrace. He's -- he's taking on some
8 huge projects --

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: He's been --

10 MAYOR KELLY: -- and it's really
11 amazing. So I just wanted to give him a
12 shoutout and say that I think it's really
13 great for the City.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: He has been
15 really terrific ever since he stepped
16 into that job a few years ago, and I look
17 forward to the ribbon cutting first --
18 for those --

19 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- all those
21 new places that went in. And all the
22 renovation he's doing at Stonequist,
23 it's -- it's terrific. I agree with you.

24 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah,
25 they're -- they're really nice. They are



1 really nice.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, they
3 are nice.

4 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
5 aye.

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
8 matter passes.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Item
10 Number 8 is a Discussion and Vote --

11 MAYOR KELLY: Agreement for payment.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- Agreement
13 for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)
14 between and among the City of Saratoga
15 Springs and Stonequist Housing
16 Development Fund Company, Incorporated,
17 Stonequist Apartments, LLC., and Saratoga
18 Springs Housing Authority. Again, if
19 there aren't any questions, I'll move
20 right into my motion.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I move that
23 the City Council approve the agreement
24 for payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT)
25 between and among the City of Saratoga



1 Springs and Stonequist Housing
2 Development Fund Company, Incorporated,
3 Stonequist Apartments, LLC, and the
4 Saratoga Springs Housing Authority, as
5 included with the agenda. This is a
6 motion.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

9 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
11 those in favor say aye.

12 IN UNISON: Aye.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
14 matter passes.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Did I not
16 make my motion for my Item Number 6, do
17 you know? I'm getting a note here that I
18 didn't.

19 MAYOR KELLY: I have you doing it.
20 Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. I did?

22 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: All right.

24 Okay. Thank you. Just wanted to double
25 check.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Yep. I have you
2 checked off.

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.
4 Then that concludes my agenda. Thank
5 you, Mayor.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, thank you.
7 On to Public Works. Commissioner
8 Scirocco.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,
10 Mayor.

11 The first item on my agenda is
12 Discussion and Vote: Authorization for
13 the Mayor to Sign Cha -- Change Order
14 Number 1 with Morbark for the Delivery
15 Date and Change -- it's a change order --
16 of the Morbark Wood Hog. This change
17 order is for the alternation of the
18 delivery date of the Morbark 3400X
19 horizontal grinder. This wood grinder
20 was purchased in March with the delivery
21 date prior to 7/16/2021. Due to the
22 pandemic, the delivery date has been
23 delayed. This change order is a
24 reflection of this delay. The date will
25 be updated to 9/12/2021.



1 Therefore, I move for -- for
2 approval for the Mayor to sign change
3 order number 1 with Morbark delivery date
4 of Morbark Wood Hog to 9/12/2021. Put
5 that in the form of a motion.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? I
9 can't wait to see the wood hog.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It's quite a
12 machine, I'll tell you.

13 MAYOR KELLY: I know.

14 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I can't wait
15 to see it either because that thing out
16 there is just limping along.

17 MAYOR KELLY: I know.

18 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I saw that.

19 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
20 aye.

21 IN UNISON: Aye.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
23 matter passes.

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you.

25 The second item on my agenda is



1 Discussion and Vote: Authorization for
2 the Mayor to Sign Contract with BPI for
3 HVAC Services. This agreement for BPI
4 Mechanical is an extension of bid to
5 provide all HVAC services for the comm --
6 commercial size heating and air
7 conditioning units too all city buildings
8 that are under the responsibility of the
9 Commissioner of Public Works. This
10 agreement is valid through June 30th,
11 2022, not to exceed (indiscernible) bid
12 prices for -- per proposal, dated May
13 3rd, 2016.

14 Therefore, I move for approval for
15 the Mayor to sign a contract with BPI for
16 HVAC services in the amount not to exceed
17 the hourly rate according to the bid
18 proposal, dated May 3rd, 2016. And put
19 that in the form of a motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
24 those in favor say aye.

25 IN UNISON: Aye.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
2 matter passes.

3 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Third item
4 on my agenda is Discussion and Vote.
5 This is Approval to Pay Invoice Number
6 571760 and 574891 to Absolute Pest
7 Control in the Amount of eighty dollars.
8 There was no funding allocated in the
9 High Rock Park professional services at
10 the start of 2021 for this annual
11 expense. There is a contract and
12 purchase order in place but the purchase
13 order did not include a line for High
14 Rock Park because there were no funds
15 available.

16 Therefore, I move for approval to
17 pay invoice number 571760 and 574891 to
18 Absolute Pest Control in the amount of
19 eighty dollars. And I put that in the
20 form of a motion.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And this is
25 for ants in the bathroom down there at



1 the Farmer's Market.

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Much
3 appreciated.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Can't have
8 the ants eating the food down there.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Okay. Okay.
10 Stop. All those in favor say aye.

11 IN UNISON: Aye.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
13 matter passes.

14 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Fourth item
15 on number agenda, Discussion and Vote:
16 Approval to Pay Invoice Number G07614,
17 G07660, and G07661 to Bobcat of Saratoga,
18 LLC, in the Amount of 5,555 dollars. The
19 Department of Public Works recently
20 installed a new storm water main on
21 Seward Street. Designated engineering
22 reports identified areas of the jobsite
23 that would encounter ledge rock. Due to
24 the density of the ledge rock and the
25 well-being daily life for the residents,



1 can't forget the residents, on or near
2 Seward Street, the Department of Public
3 Works rented a large hydraulic hammer
4 from Bobcat -- Bobcat -- Bobcat Rentals
5 in order to speed up the removal of the
6 ledge rock.

7 After the -- after you -- after use
8 of the rented hydraulic hammer, it was
9 determined that three weeks of working on
10 the jobsite were removed from the work
11 schedule, returning the neighborhood back
12 to quiet residential living.

13 MAYOR KELLY: I bet, three weeks.

14 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: There you
15 go. We're always thinking about the
16 neighborhood.

17 Therefore, I move for approval to
18 pay Invoice Number G07614, G07 -- G07660,
19 and G07661 to Bobcat of Saratoga, LLC, in
20 the amount of 5,555 dollars. And I put
21 that in the form of a motion.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Nailed it.



1 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
2 aye.

3 IN UNISON: Aye.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
5 matter passes.

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Number 5,
7 Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation from
8 Roohan Realty in the Amount of 164.14
9 dollars. Roohan Realty has graciously
10 donated 164.14 dollars to the flower
11 beautification on Broadway. This
12 included black mulch, weed block fabric,
13 and -- and four twenty-four foot plant
14 containers. I would personally like to
15 thank Roohan Realty for their generous
16 donation.

17 Therefore, I move for approval to
18 accept a donation from Roohan Realty in
19 the amount of 164.14 dollars for the
20 flower beautification program. And I put
21 that in the form of a motion.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
25 those in favor say aye.



1 IN UNISON: Aye.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
3 matter passes.

4 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Number 6,
5 Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation from
6 Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation
7 in the Amount of 2,650 dollars. The City
8 of Saratoga Springs will be accepting a
9 donation of 2,650 dollars from the
10 Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation
11 to replace a stolen baluster from the
12 architectural surround of the Spirit of
13 Life in Spencer Trask Memorial. And I
14 want to personally thank the Foundation
15 for its generous donation. And I did
16 speak to Sam, and she said that
17 Adirondack Trust was involved in this
18 too. So I want to thank Adirondack Trust
19 for doing it too.

20 This -- and this gift will -- will
21 help ensure that the beauty of the Spirit
22 of Life in Spencer Trask Memorial is --
23 is maintained and can serve as a reminder
24 better days are ahead.

25 Therefore, I move to accept a



1 donation from the Saratoga Springs
2 Preservation Foundation in the amount of
3 2,650 dollars to replace a stolen
4 baluster on the Spirit of Life. And I
5 put that in the form of a motion.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
9 those in favor say aye.

10 IN UNISON: Aye.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
12 matter passes.

13 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And -- and I
14 just want to add. Down in the Spirit of
15 Life area down there, Preservation has
16 got some volunteers down there to do some
17 weeding, some cleaning out down there,
18 and they've done a great job down there.

19 MAYOR KELLY: That's great.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It's been --
21 they've been a big help to us because,
22 obviously, you know, we're short staffed
23 in the park and kind of moving people
24 around, and they've done a great job down
25 there. So kudos to them. I think if go



1 down there, you'll -- you'll see the work
2 that they've done --

3 MAYOR KELLY: Great.

4 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- so.

5 MAYOR KELLY: (Indiscernible).

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Especially
7 in the area of the Spirit of Life, so.
8 It's all good.

9 Number 7, Discussion and Vote:
10 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign
11 Structural Easement with West Avenue
12 Development Saratoga, LLC, for 116 West
13 Avenue. The easement was recently
14 recommended by the real estate committee.
15 It concerns two small encroachments by a
16 building overhand and a sculpture/seating
17 area into the right of way on West
18 Avenue. The Department of Public Works
19 has no issues with the encroachment as
20 finally shown.

21 Therefore, I move for approval for
22 the Mayor to sign structural easement
23 with West Avenue Development Saratoga,
24 LLC, for 116 West Avenue. And I put that
25 in the form of a motion.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

4 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I don't know
5 if anybody has any questions. Tony's
6 here, but it's just -- it's basically
7 inches into the -- into right of way.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, I'm good.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Just real
10 quickly, Tony, if you want to.

11 TONY: Yeah, briefly. It's a simple
12 straightforward easement. Real Estate
13 Committee has approved it. I sent you a
14 memo showing the plan and showing the
15 easement agreement. Any questions, I can
16 take them? Otherwise, it's all yours.

17 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thanks,,
18 though.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Thanks. Any
20 questions? All those in favor say aye.

21 IN UNISON: Aye.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
23 matter passes.

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And my last
25 two agenda items are just announcement.



1 One is a Seward Street Drainage
2 Improvements, which is nearly complete.
3 The drainage improvements performed by
4 DPW are nearly completed on Seward
5 Street.

6 The improvements are -- are the
7 result of a neighbor -- neighborhood
8 flooding issues on Seward and Van Dam
9 Street -- Van Dorn Streets. Residents
10 communicated to DPW on May 2019, and
11 engineering -- engineering study
12 identifying drainage solutions. The
13 engineer's opinion are probable
14 construction cost estimates that
15 improvements would cost 632,000 dollars.

16 After reviewing the report by Barton
17 and Loguidice, DPW Commissioner -- a
18 deputy commissioner, Joe O'Neill, and the
19 City's engineering staff recommended that
20 the work be performed in-house by
21 utilities department crew. With DPW
22 performing the work internally, the
23 current expenditures equaled \$63,824.64,
24 with the anticipated remaining costs less
25 than 10,000 dollars.



1 Not only does this project resolve a
2 long-standing flooding issue that has
3 gotten -- that has only gotten worse over
4 time, but with DPW performing the
5 construction work, taxpayers have gotten
6 their money's worth at a fraction of the
7 estimated cost. This neighborhood will
8 have significantly improved drainage.

9 The addition of a storm line
10 connected to a live line on Church
11 Street, drainage structures and curbs
12 were all part of the work completed by
13 DPW. The final phase, when the
14 stormwater infrastructure is installed,
15 will be to pave the roadway with CHIPS
16 funding and no cost to the taxpayers.

17 Again, we appreciate the cooperation
18 of the residents in the neighborhood as
19 the work has been disruptive, but this
20 will hopefully solve the long-term
21 flooding issues for a great final
22 project. And again, I -- I just need
23 to -- to note that the -- there still is
24 a little more work to be done up there,
25 but I guarantee it won't be as -- as loud



1 as knocking that bedrock around --

2 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- out
4 there.

5 MAYOR KELLY: That's long overdue.

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That was --
7 yes.

8 MAYOR KELLY: That was good.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes. That
10 came out to be a nice project.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yep.

13 MAYOR KELLY: That's terrific. The
14 nineth item on my agenda is just another
15 announcement. And this is in regards to
16 the Green Street Water Main Break. And I
17 think we talked about it a little bit
18 earlier at the agenda meeting. I just
19 want to give a quick time line on -- on
20 what happened there. About 3 a.m.
21 Thursday, July 1st, the water treatment
22 plant noticed a considerable loss of
23 water in the City's reservoir. DPW
24 utility crews discovered a sixteen inch
25 water main break on Green Street. This



1 pipe is the main trunk line from the
2 treatment plant to residents throughout
3 the city.

4 Utility -- utility crews were able
5 to get a partial line shutdown but not
6 sufficient to make repairs. At this
7 point, the only option was a line stop or
8 an insertion valve. There is not a local
9 company that can perform a main -- a main
10 stop for a diameter pipe of this scale.
11 Twelve inches was the maximum that they
12 could -- they could do.

13 Kudos to my deputy. Joe called
14 around to -- to a couple different places
15 and finally contacted a place -- we
16 called multiple companies. Contacted
17 Hydra Tech. Hydra Tech, Jack Farley,
18 Incorporated, and Davis Valve. Those are
19 the companies we contacted. DPW chose
20 Hydra Tech located in Sterling,
21 Massachusetts to perform the emergency
22 work due to their quick response and
23 availability.

24 While the company's crew were
25 enroute, our utility crew continued to



1 prep the area. They excavated an area
2 seventy-five -- seventy-five feet above
3 the break.

4 The utility crew had to use
5 jackhammers to drill through the bedrock
6 to create fifteen -- a fifteen by fifteen
7 foot space to facilitate the new valve in
8 bedrock.

9 At approximately 7 p.m. Hydra Tech
10 began work on permanent -- on the
11 permanent sixteen inch gate valve that --
12 that meets AWWA standards. This decision
13 was made through considerable thought, in
14 the event of future emergencies, this
15 valve will be utilized to shut off the
16 water. So the valve that they put in is
17 still there. That remained there.

18 The valve insertion was completed
19 around midnight. And the utility crew
20 then proceeded to assess the -- and
21 repair the ten-foot break in the main.
22 So it was completed at midnight, and
23 these guys are looking down the street,
24 and it was raining, and they still have
25 to repair a ten foot piece of pipe that



1 was -- that was fill -- you know, it
2 finally got shut down. It was
3 unbelievable.

4 The work was completed and the water
5 was restored at 6:30 a.m. So they stayed
6 all night, twenty-four hours. These guys
7 worked like -- they were, like, zombies.
8 I mean, I couldn't believe the work that
9 they did. I left at 2, and I mean, I
10 couldn't even keep my eyes open, but they
11 just got -- and they -- they had to
12 jackhammer the majority of the -- the
13 majority of the work.

14 Thursday morning, DPW -- DPW staff
15 alerted many major businesses and
16 residents, including Saratoga Hospital,
17 Ball plant, Quad Graphics, YMCA, Saratoga
18 Schools, et cetera, of the break, and
19 asked to conserve water use as much as
20 possible because we were losing a lot of
21 water in the -- the reservoir that's up
22 on North Broadway.

23 Through this whole event, DPW and
24 the water treatment plant staff were in
25 constant contact with the New York State



1 Health Department. Just after 8:30 p.m.,
2 Thursday evening, the health officials
3 ordered a precautionary boil water
4 advisory for the entire city. This
5 happened at 8:30 Thursday night on a
6 holiday weekend.

7 This again, was -- was strictly a
8 precautionary measure by the Department
9 of Health. DPW staff immediately began
10 the process of alerting the residents and
11 businesses. In order to get this message
12 out, a press release was issued to twelve
13 major news outlets, the City's website,
14 Nixle, a community information service
15 that sends out text messages -- or -- or
16 email notifications, the City and DPW's
17 Facebook pages, all DPW phone me --
18 messages were changed to reflect the
19 alert. We changed all our -- our phone
20 messages. If people called DPW,
21 obviously there was nobody working, they
22 would have got the message.

23 The -- during the -- during the boil
24 advisory order, I was contacted by Dan
25 Ladd. And Dan Ladd is the general



1 manager of the local Walmart who offered
2 an incredibly generous -- generous
3 donation of bottled watered to the
4 residents of Saratoga Springs. While DPW
5 was working on a plan for distribution,
6 we received notice from DOA to life the
7 boil water advisory. And I'd personally
8 like to thank Dan -- Dan Ladd and Walmart
9 for their generous offer of a -- a
10 donation of water. This is a tractor-
11 trailer full of water.

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: That's really
13 (Indiscernible). I didn't know that.

14 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It was a
15 tractor-trailer full of water, yes.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Wow.

17 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: We got it
18 at -- on Saturday, probably around, I
19 don't know, 11 o'clock. So I decided to
20 wait because we knew because of the
21 two -- the two day boil --

22 MAYOR KELLY: Forty-eight hours,
23 yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yep. We
25 said, listen, we got -- if -- if there's



1 an issue, we have a backup plan. But we
2 had, I don't know, maybe twenty pallets
3 of -- of water. It was a tractor-trailer
4 full of water, the bottled water.

5 And he called up and he said listen.
6 I got it, and I'll -- I'll deliver it
7 over to you. And fortunately we
8 didn't -- we didn't need it --

9 MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

10 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- because
11 that's when the boil -- you know, the
12 boil water was lifted and people could,
13 you know, go back to resume normal --
14 normal use.

15 But -- and I talked to him today.
16 And he did say to me today, in the event
17 that anything ever happens again, don't
18 pick -- pick up the phone and call me,
19 don't hesitate. So there's always a --
20 that's a -- that's a good neighbor. I --
21 I can't say enough about -- about Walmart
22 and what -- you know, and that part of
23 it.

24 The City was contacted approximately
25 3:52 p.m. on July 3rd, 2021 by the



1 Department of Health, that the two
2 consecutive water sample results received
3 from the City were satisfactory and the
4 order had been lifted. All the above
5 resources were again contacted to -- to
6 alert residents that the boil water order
7 was lifted. DPW staff also distributed
8 documentation to location restaurants.
9 We printed up a bunch of flyers and sent
10 people down Broadway handing it out as
11 soon as we got the notice. So the
12 restaurants, you know, on Broadway and --
13 and the immediate area got the -- the --
14 the notice.

15 In the future, I'd like to encourage
16 all residents -- and we talked about this
17 today too. I would like to encourage all
18 residents -- residents, if you have not
19 already signed up for the City's alerts
20 through the City's website,
21 www.saratogasprings -- [www.saratoga-
23 springs.org](http://www.saratoga-
22 springs.org), go to services and select
24 notify me. From there you can sign up to
25 be alerted through text or email and
select the alerts you wish to subscribe



1 to. I -- I know I got -- I got the --
2 the alert when it sent out. We
3 immediately --

4 MAYOR KELLY: Right.

5 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- got it to
6 the -- got it to Kevin. Kevin
7 immediately put it on -- on the website.
8 Did a great job. And I remember talking
9 to Channel 10 at 10:30 over there, you
10 know, at night, so I know that the media
11 stations got it -- or the -- the -- you
12 know, the news stations got it, but --

13 MAYOR KELLY: I -- I -- I went -- we
14 went -- I went on -- you know, I got the
15 notification --

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.

17 MAYOR KELLY: -- my -- my deputy,
18 and she says, you know, maybe --

19 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: You didn't
20 sign up, Mayor.

21 MAYOR KELLY: I -- I didn't sign up.
22 I'm -- I'm signed up now.

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: You got
24 signed up.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. So -- but I --



1 I want to Che -- thank Chief Dyer in the
2 back. Thank you. Because he jumped
3 right on making some calls, along with
4 Chief Catone, who put it Nixle. So I
5 think that, you know, we were all in
6 communication and -- and it worked out
7 really well.

8 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Like you said
10 in the pre-agenda meeting, Mayor Kelly, I
11 will come out with more information about
12 Nixle and how people can sign up for
13 Nixle because I think it's probably the
14 easiest way --

15 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- for people
17 to get emergency alerts, whether it has
18 to do with DPW, public safety, or
19 anything pertaining to the city.

20 MAYOR KELLY: It's just so easy for
21 us --

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: yeah.

23 MAYOR KELLY: -- right now.

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: It's very --

25 MAYOR KELLY: That's all we have --



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yes.

2 MAYOR KELLY: -- you know.

3 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: So I will make
5 sure I have more information about that
6 for the next City Council meeting. I
7 know this one was kind of jammed.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. And I think we
9 should add it to, like, every third
10 month.

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

12 MAYOR KELLY: You know, just as --

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Agreed.

14 MAYOR KELLY: -- an announcement to
15 get people to sign up.

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Agree.

17 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: What I think
18 I'm going to do is I'm going to put it on
19 my agenda every -- every week --

20 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- and just
22 make that li -- that one announcement --

23 MAYOR KELLY: I think --

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- sign up.

25 MAYOR KELLY: -- you have to. We



1 have to get people to --

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: You just --

3 MAYOR KELLY: -- understand that --

4 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: We've got to

5 remind people --

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I'm going to

7 put it on the home page of the --

8 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, we've got to

9 get --

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- the

11 website.

12 MAYOR KELLY: -- it on the home

13 page.

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: It's kind of a

15 funky --

16 MAYOR KELLY: We can't be digging

17 into the --

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I mean,

19 it -- it's so simple.

20 MAYOR KELLY: -- website.

21 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: You know,

22 you -- you sign up. Something happens,

23 whether it be a -- you know, a snow

24 emergency or any kind of emergency, you

25 know, a boil water --



1 MAYOR KELLY: Anything can happen,
2 so you know, we --

3 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: You can go
4 to the City's website and you could --

5 MAYOR KELLY: We had --

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It's like
7 cafeteria. You can -- you can choose
8 what you need or choose what you don't
9 want it --

10 MAYOR KELLY: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- you know,
12 don't want to get.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

14 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I mean, it's
15 - it's really simple. I mean, we've made
16 it simple for everybody but --

17 MAYOR KELLY: But I can't tell you
18 how many times in the last four years
19 we've used that.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.

21 MAYOR KELLY: You know, so we've had
22 a lot hap -- going on.

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes. Yes.

24 MAYOR KELLY: So I do think that
25 that's --



1 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.

2 MAYOR KELLY: -- a great thing. And
3 a great job -- great job by Joe
4 O'Neill --

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

6 MAYOR KELLY: -- who is the stellar
7 deputy of DPW. And I really appreciate
8 Joe more than anybody knows because he's
9 just so responsive. So --

10 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, a
11 great --

12 MAYOR KELLY: -- thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: A great
14 deputy. People in the City are lucky.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, very lucky.

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: They're
17 lucky to have, you know, the employees
18 that -- that work for the City that do
19 the job that they do.

20 MAYOR KELLY: That's right.

21 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I want --
22 just want to add one more thing. That we
23 are working on it. I -- I'm working with
24 my business manager, Mike Veitch. We're
25 working on a -- a notification system



1 that, you know, we might put into a --
2 into effect. Something similar to what
3 we have.

4 MAYOR KELLY: But you know, I -- I
5 guess, my thought on that is like, we
6 have Nixle, like, why -- you know, then
7 we're going to spread --

8 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Well --

9 MAYOR KELLY: -- people out, you
10 know. So I -- I think we need to discuss
11 that a little bit maybe.

12 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: We will
13 discuss it. I --

14 MAYOR KELLY: You know.

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- mean,
16 obviously, it's something --

17 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- I'm going
19 to bring to the Council.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah, maybe
22 Mike can -- can talk with me and IT and
23 we can streamline it so it's just --

24 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- like one --



1 one stop shop.

2 MAYOR KELLY: It can go right
3 through, yeah. I like that idea.

4 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: We're
5 talking with some people right now that,
6 you know, that could make this thing
7 really -- really work out well.
8 Anyways --

9 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- si --
11 people need to sign up. Sign up. You'll
12 get notified.

13 MAYOR KELLY: We need to make it
14 simple to sign up.

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes. We
16 made it real simple, so.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.
18 Anything else, Commissioner?

19 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That
20 concludes my agenda.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Had a quite
22 week.

23 Okay. On to Public Safety.
24 Commissioner Dalton.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you,



1 Mayor Kelly.

2 The first item on my agenda is a
3 Discussion and Vote to Amend Chapters 180
4 and 217 of the City Code. This is to
5 remove fee amounts from the City Code and
6 to allow them to be established from time
7 to time by resolution of the City
8 Council. I make a motion to amend
9 Chapters 180 and 217 of the City Code.
10 This is a motion.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
14 those in favor say aye.

15 IN UNISON: Aye.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
17 matter passes.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

19 The second item on my agenda is
20 Discussion and Vote to Accept Donations
21 for the K9 Unit. I'd like to thank the
22 following individuals and organizations
23 for their donations to the SSPD K9 Unit.
24 Rich and Mary Beth Flaherty for 1,000
25 dollars; the LA Group for 500 dollars;



1 Anne O'Toole for 200 dollars; the
2 Saratoga Springs Lions Club for 9,000
3 dollars; Saratoga County Services
4 Corporation for 5,000 dollars; and D.A.
5 Collins for 2500 thou -- or 2,500
6 dollars.

7 I'm making a motion to accept
8 donations in the amount of 18,200 dollars
9 for the K9 Unit. I want to thank every
10 single person who do -- donated. Just
11 incredibly generous and a great show of
12 support for our K9 Unit, which is so very
13 valuable for our department.

14 MAYOR KELLY: That's great.

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: This is a
16 motion.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? I
20 thank all those people along with you.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

22 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
23 aye.

24 IN UNISON: Aye.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The



1 matter passes.

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

3 The third item on my agenda is Discussion
4 and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to
5 Sign an Agreement with NYRA for the 2021
6 Racing Season. This is our annual
7 agreement with NYRA that provides fire
8 personnel and equipment for the racing
9 season.

10 I make a motion to authorize the
11 Mayor to sign an agreement with NYRA.
12 This is a motion.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
16 those in favor say aye.

17 IN UNISON: Aye.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
19 matter passes.

20 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

21 The fourth item on my agenda is a
22 Discussion and Vote: Authorization for
23 the Mayor to Sign a Lease Agreement with
24 Rico. This is for copier/printer
25 services for the fire department.



1 I make a motion to authorize the
2 Mayor to sign a lease agreement with
3 Rico. This is a motion.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
7 those in favor say aye.

8 IN UNISON: Aye.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
10 matter passes.

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.
12 The fifth item on my agenda is Discussion
13 and Vote: Approval for a Receptionist
14 Position CSEA City Hall Grade 5. This is
15 to establish a receptionist position in
16 the Public Safety Department that will
17 assist a police officer in checking in
18 visitors to City Hall and making sure
19 they are announced and sent to the
20 correct department or meeting location.

21 I make a motion for the City Council
22 to approve the receptionist position CSEA
23 City Hall Grade 5 in the Public Safety
24 Department. This is a motion.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?



1 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
3 those in favor say aye.

4 IN UNISON: Aye.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
6 matter passes.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.
8 The sixth item on my agenda is a
9 Discussion and Vote: An Authorization for
10 the Mayor to Sign an Agreement Between
11 the City of -- City of Saratoga Springs
12 and the Saratoga Springs School District
13 for a School Resource Officer.

14 I make a motion to authorize the
15 Mayor to sign an agreement between the
16 City and the Saratoga Springs School
17 District. The term of this agreement
18 shall be from 7/1/21 to 6/30/23. This is
19 a motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I'm happy to
24 see this program still moving forward.
25 And thank you for the -- working on the



1 receptionist position also.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Yes, I agree.

3 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you all.

4 I appreciate the Council's cooperation --

5 MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- on all.

7 MAYOR KELLY: All right. All those
8 in favor say aye.

9 IN UNISON: Aye.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
11 matter passes.

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: All right.
13 Hold on. One more curve ball for you
14 guys. I just wanted to see if I could
15 add a item onto my agenda. So I make a
16 motion to add one item for discussion and
17 vote.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Yes, you may.

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is that a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Is that --
22 that is a motion.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Is there a
24 second?

25 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? We
2 don't know what we're discussing. So all
3 those in favor say aye.

4 IN UNISON: Aye.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
6 matter passes.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you. I
8 wanted to add to the agenda a Discussion
9 and Vote to approve the -- the updated
10 schematic design plan that was just
11 presented to us by Sean and Hueber Beuer
12 to the Design Review Commission for
13 another advisory opinion.

14 MAYOR KELLY: It's a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: So that's this
16 motion.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Is there a
18 second?

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
21 those in favor say aye.

22 IN UNISON: Aye.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
24 matter passes.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.



1 That concludes my agenda.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. We're on
3 to the supervisors.

4 Supervisor Veitch -- Lisa, can you
5 tell me if they're on video if they sit
6 over there?

7 SECRETARY RIBIS: (Indiscernible).

8 MAYOR KELLY: That -- that's my only
9 question.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: You can't
11 really see them.

12 MAYOR KELLY: We can't really see
13 you.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Do you guys
15 want to come over here.

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO:
17 (Indiscernible) sat where Tara sat when
18 we were at that one meeting.

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: If you just --

20 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- scootch
22 that way a little bit.

23 MAYOR KELLY: So you guys have to go
24 to the mic, I'm sorry.

25 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: All right. No



1 problem.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Sorry.

3 COMMISSIONER DALTON: You've got to
4 move towards the middle.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We'll point
6 the camera --

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: If we could
8 all just move towards the middle.

9 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: (Indiscernible).

10 MAYOR KELLY: I know. I -- I though
11 we -- I just thought of that. You know,
12 I know Tara asked me and I -- I said it
13 was okay to stay there.

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: There's like
15 all this space up here.

16 MAYOR KELLY: I know.

17 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Is -- is it on?

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.

19 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: I can't tell.

20 MAYOR KELLY: I don't really know.

21 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: It's all right.

22 Well --

23 MAYOR KELLY: We can hear you.

24 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: All right,
25 great. All right. So just three short



1 agenda items for me on this. First is a
2 Government Review and Efficiency County
3 Committee Meeting is going to happen
4 tomorrow. We actually have two items
5 that we're going to be doing. First is
6 actually repealing a local law number 3
7 of 1979, which when we were doing
8 research, actually established a
9 government review committee back in 1979.
10 And we just reestablished it in January,
11 so ours is not by local law; this is. So
12 when you have a local law, you have to
13 have a public hearing and you have to
14 repeal the local law. So we're going to
15 have set that public hearing tomorrow to
16 repeal a 1979 law that's way out of date.

17 Second is we're going to be having a
18 item to rewrite our budget process. We
19 actually have a policy at the County that
20 outlines our budget process. It's not
21 very highly detailed. And so a lot of
22 flexibility is currently in the process,
23 which can lead to some confusion
24 sometimes in our budget.

25 So we are about to rewrite the



1 budget process. It's going to match a
2 lot of the state statues that govern how
3 a county passes its budget, as well as
4 matching some of the existing county
5 local laws that we have regarding our
6 budget.

7 In terms of, you know, just
8 establishing when we should have our
9 public hearing and more of a step by step
10 process as to how the budget will go at
11 the county. So that will be on the
12 agenda for tomorrow. And I'm just
13 looking forward to it. I mean, I -- I
14 definitely know I have some issues with
15 how we run our budget at the county in
16 the past, and I'm glad that some of the
17 changes will occur going forward to make
18 it a little bit more efficient for the
19 supervisors, again, well -- as well as
20 for the public.

21 Second is Review of the Buildings
22 and Grounds Committee. We had our
23 meeting today, and two things came out of
24 that. The first was we appointed an
25 airport subcommittee to review the



1 proposed grant, as I mentioned at the
2 last Council meeting, for an updated --
3 actually a brand new airport terminal at
4 Saratoga County Airport. The committee
5 will consist of myself as chair,
6 Supervisor Sandra Winney from the Town of
7 Providence, and Supervisor Phil Barrett
8 from the Town of Clifton Park. Phil
9 chairs our economic development committee
10 and the County, and therefore, would be a
11 good person to have for something like a
12 airport revitalization and new terminal
13 project, which can assist with the
14 economic development and economy of
15 Saratoga County from our airport.

16 Secondly, we've been having a
17 discussion somewhat internally about
18 overall space needs at the County. It
19 seems like we're kind of bursting at the
20 seams in almost all of our departments at
21 Saratoga County, and as we are a growing
22 county, we are going to take a look at an
23 overall space needs project.

24 We appointed a subcommittee for that
25 as well. Consisting of myself as the



1 chair, and Supervisor John Lant from the
2 Town of Wilton, and Supervisor Kevin
3 Tollisen from the Town of Halfmoon.

4 We found that the last time the
5 County constructed a new building was
6 back in the 1990s, which was our services
7 building down on West High Street. And
8 it seems as though every time we shift
9 staff around or we talk about various
10 levels of access that the public has,
11 seems like we don't -- don't have enough
12 space to move things around.

13 Frankly, it -- it all really started
14 with the Commissioner of Elections, who
15 is having some trouble with accessibility
16 to the Board of Elections office. As we
17 have early voting now, a lot of folks
18 never had to go the Board of Elections
19 office; now they do. They're finding it
20 hard to get there. It's difficult --
21 there's no signs that say --

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It's very --

23 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- where to go.

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- difficult
25 to find.



1 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yes. And so he
2 had actually come to me, this is
3 Commissioner Shira, saying, that, you
4 know, they needed some -- they needed to
5 figure out what to do because they're
6 having some problems with that. And I --
7 and I agree.

8 And so then we started talking about
9 other departments. What do we do if we
10 move Board of Elections, and it kind of
11 became, like, well, we can't really move
12 them but we need to move them and you
13 know, those kinds of logistical issues.

14 So we're looking at seeing what it
15 might cost to hire a consultant for us to
16 look at our space needs and figure out
17 what we should do to go forward. And so
18 that'll be probably really done during
19 the budget process, but the -- the
20 subcommittee will -- will manage that.

21 And last on my agenda is --

22 MAYOR KELLY: All right. Can --
23 can --

24 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- just to
25 announce --



1 MAYOR KELLY: -- I ask a question?

2 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yes.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Are you paperless at
4 the counter?

5 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: No.

6 MAYOR KELLY: So that can save you a
7 lot of room.

8 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: There's that
9 too. And we store tons of --

10 MAYOR KELLY: I know.

11 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- documents --

12 MAYOR KELLY: I know.

13 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- all over the
14 place, yes.

15 MAYOR KELLY: I mean, we found that
16 here. So in our Building and -- and
17 Planning Department right --

18 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: And that was
19 actually mentioned today by our county
20 administrator.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I feel a
22 committee coming on.

23 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yeah, he said,
24 you know, there was tons of filing
25 cabinets all over the county with all --



1 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

2 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- these paper
3 documents; that we really need to
4 digitize and kind of save some space.

5 MAYOR KELLY: There's your
6 consultant.

7 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: So -- all right,
8 thanks. Maybe, I don't know. We can --
9 we can have you on board if you want.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: No, not me.
11 You need to hire a consultant to take
12 care of your paper, not me. I don't want
13 any part of -- this is enough. I'm done.

14 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: All right. And
15 last on my agenda is just to make an
16 announcement that the Saratoga Casino
17 Hotel Foundation, which gives out some
18 grants to not for profits, the Mayor and
19 I both serve on that, they opened on July
20 1st to accept grants. They're due on
21 July 23rd. The committee will make
22 decisions on August 9th, and we will have
23 our awards ceremony on August 27th.

24 If you just Google Saratoga Casino
25 Hotel Foundation, you will find our



1 website, and it'll have all the
2 instructions and the application for you
3 to sign up. So it's a great
4 organization. It's not a whole heck of a
5 lot of money that goes out, but anything
6 helps. And we're -- we're glad to be
7 there to -- to assist. So with that,
8 that'll conclude my agenda. And thank
9 you.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Supervisor.
11 Supervisor Gaston.

12 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Thank you. The
13 first item on my agenda is just a Public
14 Health Update. Fortunately, we are doing
15 very well in Saratoga County with regards
16 to COVID. There -- we are seeing some
17 uptick in New York State because of the
18 Delta variant, but that is not evident in
19 our numbers here. We currently have one
20 person hospitalized, and we've had seven
21 positive tests in the past seven days.
22 So that is significantly different than
23 where we were before.

24 As of right now, we have sixty-four
25 percent of Saratoga County population who



1 have completed the COVID vaccination. So
2 that is incredible, and that is a
3 testament to all of our residents, and
4 their very hard work, including when
5 vaccines were very difficult to get in
6 the county. So I personally want to
7 thank you for all of that.

8 If you have not gotten vaccinated,
9 please do, because the data indicates
10 that most of the significant illness and
11 deaths are related to those who are not
12 vaccinated. So if it is possible for you
13 to get vaccinated, please do so. If you
14 cannot, you can't. But those of us who
15 can, please do, if you are able, so that
16 we can help protect those who cannot get
17 the vaccine. Including our children, who
18 hopefully will be able to get it this
19 fall.

20 In related public health news, I
21 forgot to say that I have been removed,
22 both as chair and as a committee member
23 from the Health and Human Services
24 Committee at the County, and therefore,
25 will no longer serve the position



1 effective a couple of days ago. So I
2 will still provide updates as available,
3 but I will no longer have that position.

4 The second item on --

5 MAYOR KELLY: Are you still on the
6 committee?

7 SUPERVISOR GASTON: No. I've been
8 removed from the health committee
9 entirely.

10 MAYOR KELLY: You've been removed
11 entirely?

12 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just want to
14 make a comment on that. You were a
15 lifeline for us during COVID, and when I
16 needed information about this virus and
17 what was happening in this community, you
18 had the answers every single time I
19 needed them, and I think it -- I don't
20 know what's going on at the county level,
21 but I think it's a travesty that you've
22 been removed from that committee. I
23 think it's unfair and unwarranted based
24 on the performance and experience I've
25 had with you over the last year-plus



1 dealing with this pandemic.

2 SUPERVISOR GASTON: I appreciate
3 that, but each supervisor serves on
4 committees and in leadership positions at
5 the pleasure of the chair. And the
6 chairman of the board may add or remove
7 as he chooses, and he chose.

8 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And I
9 understand that. This is news to me. So
10 I just want to say I think you were
11 excellent in -- in this position and in
12 this position as chair. And I understand
13 things happen, but you did a great job
14 with it.

15 SUPERVISOR GASTON: (Indiscernible).

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I mean,
17 during a -- a massive pandemic. And
18 nobody communicated better than you did.

19 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Well, they will
20 not stop me for advocating for the City,
21 and I appreciate all the work that the
22 Council has done and my fellow
23 supervisors, so. I just did want to make
24 that announcement and make that clear.

25 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.



1 SUPERVISOR GASTON: The second item
2 on my agenda is regarding the County
3 Website. I know that we've talked, as
4 you were speaking of paperless and
5 technology and transparency. We are
6 working on upgrading the County website.
7 And I have posted on my Facebook and will
8 make available thereto, links. One is
9 for the County website. It's Bit.ly, so
10 B-I-T, dot, L-Y/Saratogacountywebsite,
11 where you can tell me what you think
12 about our website as it is.

13 We're doing some review from inside
14 the County government. What we think the
15 website needs to have. But we also need
16 to make sure that we have our communities
17 engagement in it. Can you use it, what
18 do you think about it, are you able to
19 find what you need. These are all very
20 important things, and the more comments
21 we have, the more we're going to be able
22 to readjust how we perform so that we can
23 meet the needs of our community. Whether
24 you need more or less.

25 On a similar note, the third item on



1 my agenda is regarding our ARPA Funding.
2 And if you go to bit.ly/SaratogaARPA, so
3 A-R-P-A, you can give me your thoughts on
4 how the County should spend our federal
5 money.

6 We've had a number of discussions
7 about things that could be used with our
8 county ARPA funding -- ARPA funding,
9 that's a tongue twister, but
10 unfortunately, the County has yet to
11 determine a process by which to
12 distribute or allow organizations or
13 communities to apply for it.

14 So I would like the communities'
15 opinion on how we should utilize that so
16 that we can have a process in place as
17 soon as possible because the purpose of
18 the money is to help support our
19 community in coming out of COVID.
20 Whether that is our city and town
21 governments, or whether it's direct
22 assistance to our communities or
23 organizations.

24 Both of those will be on my Facebook
25 page. Please feel free -- feel free to



1 share them. Again, the more comments and
2 responses we get, the more accurate our
3 analysis of them will be. And that
4 concludes my agenda. Thank you.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Supervisor.
6 Any other business from the Council?

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: It's nice
8 seeing everyone in person.

9 MAYOR KELLY: And we are adjourned.
10 Thank you.

11 (Meeting adjourned.)

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