CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING

March 1, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Meg Kelly, Mayor
Lisa Shields, Deputy Mayor
John P. Franck, Commissioner
Michele Madigan, Commissioner
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner
Vince DeLeonardis
Marilyn Rivers
MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Good morning. This is a preliminary agenda for tomorrow night's meeting. Today is Monday, March 1st, 10 a.m.

We have one public hearing tomorrow evening, and that will start at 6:55: capital program and budget amendment, east and west sides' fields capital contribution. The recreation department is requesting to amend the 2021 capital budget and capital program to include the east and west side fields annual capital contributions.

We have one presentation tomorrow evening, and that's the 2021 West Avenue Special Assessment District annual report.

And I believe that's, Commissioner Madigan, under your department. Do you have anything to add, or are we just going to wait for that?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Matthew J. Jones, of Jones Steves, comes before us every year and gives us a brief update on the status of the West Avenue Special
Assessment District, and he'll be here
tomorrow night to do that update for us
again.

MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you.
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.
MAYOR KELLY: Oh, we will have an
executive session after the meeting on
the sell, lease, or acquisition of
property where disclosure would affect
the value.

Then on to the consent agenda, are
there any edits or additions?

Okay. Then we're moving right on to
the mayor's department. My first item is
an announcement: the police reform task
force.

My second item is approval for the
2020 purchase order to encumber Complete
Streets Greenbelt funds. We ask that the
council approve a 2020 purchase order in
order to roll over $231,276,000.69 [sic]
in budget line H3517142520001240 for
Complete Streets and Greenbelt Trail
projects.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: Mayor?
MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: I wish it was 231 million --

MAYOR KELLY: Oh. 231,000. Sorry.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I was going to say --

MAYOR KELLY: I was like, it didn't sound right, and I was looking.

231,276.69. Correction. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: (Indiscernible) --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- I just had a question about that. Is that all of the funds that are in the capital budget right now? So that will leave zero capital budget funds for Complete Streets going forward at this point?

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: That is just to encumber it to Finance. That's just to roll it over, Commissioner. So at the end of the year, there were a number of accounts that needed a purchase order, and this was one --
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: -- of about a dozen, and just the last step never got -- it never got uploaded for --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. So it's --

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: -- stuff needing approval.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- existing funds for Greenbelt Trail --

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- that you're encumbering. Got it. Thank you.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: Yeah. Yeah.

Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: Great.

My next item is discussion and vote, approval for mayor to sign contract with Goldberger and Kremer for award of bid for labor and employment legal services.

My next item is discussion and vote, approval for the mayor to sign amendment to the City of Saratoga Springs, PBA flexible benefit plan. We currently have one participant enrolled in the PBA's
flexible spending accounts. This participant elected to enroll in the dependent care flexible spending for both 2020 and 2021 plan years. The normal rule states that the leftover funds remaining at the end of the plan are dependent on -- independent care FSA cannot roll over and be used in the following year. The member loses it.

However, due to COVID-19 pandemic, the IRS has passed a temporary relief act to allow FSA members to roll over/carry over unused funds from 2020 plan into the 2021 plan year.

Additionally, the IRS is allowing for mid-year election changes that normally cannot be made unless the member has qualifying reasons for the change.

The current participant who is a PBA member was unable to use all of their FSA funds for 2020 plan year due to the pandemic. The member also needs to make an adjustment to their 2021 election amount due to the pandemic.

My fifth item is discussion and
vote, amend the 2021 capital budget and
capital program to include the east and
west side fields annual capital
contributions. The recreation department
is requesting to amend the 2021 capital
budget and capital program to include the
east and west side annual capital
contributions.

The sixth item is discussion and
vote, revokable license for the use of
City of Saratoga Springs Field, field
user agreements, templates with updates.
The recreation department is requesting
approval of its annual templates
revokable license for use of City of
Saratoga Springs Field, field and user
agreements, with updates including
pandemic operation plan.

My seventh item is discussion and
vote, co-sponsored program templates.
The recreation department is requesting
approval of the agreement templates for
the co-sponsored programs. The
department is looking to have a 50/50
revenue split with the following
organizations: Saratoga Strike Zone, Saratoga American Legion Stampede, and Miss Saratoga and Miss Softball. These templates are revised from the previous agreements to include pandemic operations plans.

My eighth item is an announcement.

Community Development Block Grant 2021 program year subgrantee application period closes Friday, 3/5/21. The 2021 CDBG program year subgrantee application period ends this Friday, March 5th, at 4:30 p.m. The 2021 entitlement grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is expected to be approximately $308,000. Guidance and application materials are available on the city website.

These funds are designed to assist activities that address community development needs as prioritized by the city's consolidated plan and that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Eligible activities may include public services, public facility improvements,
affordable housing acquisition,
construction, and rehabilitation and
other federally eligible activities. Due
to the time constraints from the
coronavirus pandemic, a special city
council will be held on March 30th for
the Community Development Citizens
Advisory Committee's presentation of the
2021 Block Grant entitlement action and
plan recommendations.

Any questions?

And that concludes my agenda.

I'll turn it over to Commissioner
Franck.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
Mayor.

The first two items are -- I'm going
to bring Marilyn in. The first one is
discussion and vote, approval of New York
State mandated pandemic operations plan.
And the second item, the approved
resolution for outdoor temporary seating.

So Marilyn, if you could jump in and
go over those for me, I'd appreciate it.

MS. RIVERS: Yes. Thank you,
Commissioner.

The city safety committee has been working on the governor’s mandate, which was signed into legislation on September 7, 2020, that required all public employers to create plans to protect workers in the event of another state emergency involving a communicable disease. We -- our plan is -- is in -- dovetails to Section 27-C of the New York State Labor Law which requires public employers to adopt a plan for operations in the event of a declared public health emergency.

The plan that you have that you were provided late last week provides a list of essential positions, protocols for working remotely.

And thanks go out to Christy Spadaro who worked very, very hard on developing the work protocols for nonessential employees and for working from home.

This pandemic operation plan also includes protocols for personal protective equipment, what we would do as
a city if we have employees that are exposed to disease. There's a brief mention of emergency housing and testing and contact tracing. I -- we also worked with Assistant Chief Catone. This plan dovetails into the city's emergency management plan. We also worked with Assistant Chief Dyer, Mike Veitch from Public Works, and the CSCA and the other collective bargaining units as was required by law.

So the plan before you has been approved by the collective bargaining units as was mandated by Governor Cuomo, and we offer this to the city council for their discussion and vote.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Is there any --

MS. RIVERS: Questions?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Any questions on item one?

MAYOR KELLY: I'm good. Thank you, Marilyn.

MS. RIVERS: And also thank you to Vince DeLeonardis for helping us make
sure that we were in compliance with all
the collective bargaining.

The second item is a resolution to
the city council. Commissioner Franck
brought this forward at the last city
council meeting. He then asked the city
safety committee and members of the
subcommittee that are called out in the
city council code to take a -- to take
a -- or the -- the original resolution
from 2020. We included Deputy
Commissioner Deidre Ladd --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

MS. RIVERS: -- in our discussions.
We've changed the resolution to sunset on
June 30th, 2021, in the event that we
become fully functional as a community
with regard to occupancy and tourism.

There is an opportunity, in speaking
with Vince DeLeonardis, to bring this
back to the table. Along with the group,
we thought that, if we wanted to extend
it, we could introduce the resolution to
the city council at the second meeting in
June, if we needed to, to extend it
throughout the summer months. But we'd like to be positive and offer a friendly amendment to midnight of June 30th, 2021, as the sun sets, the extended street dining.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I wanted to ask if we could extend it now. There's the new group out there. It's the Saratoga Journalism Collaborative, and I was asked to join an interview with them late last week. And it included several business owners: downtown businesses, myself, some Skidmore students, Dan Forbush and Bill Walker who are running the Saratoga Journalism Collaborative, which is trying to bring together some student talent and coaching by those communication professionals, community voices to publish some perspectives on challenges that are confronting the city and our community.

So why am I telling you all this? Well, there is an interview coming out where they were very concerned about the sunset date, and they made some good
points. And I meant to -- there's a
couple emails that I wanted to get out to
the council this weekend, and I didn't
have any time, so I thought I'd bring it
up today at the agenda meeting. There's
a couple businesses that want to do a
little more long-term planning. One of
them might be, like, Pintsize. They've
had local bands that they scheduled to
have outside during the summer weather.
They don't feel like they have the
flexibility to plan beyond that. There
was another business professional that
was also looking at some longer term
planning. And they just feel -- even
though I feel pretty well-assured that
the council will extend this, that they
don't feel comfortable planning and
investing in their businesses if we
couldn't have a later sunset date.

And we do know that COVID is still
going to be with us for a while. Our
businesses are struggling, some of our
downtown businesses and restaurants. So
last year we brought this back four or
five times. I think it's great that Commissioner Franck has been on the forefront of bringing this forward for our downtown businesses, but I think it would go a long way if we could just extend the date. And honestly, I think we should just extend it till December 31st, 2021, for our businesses, just to allow them to even catch up on some of the lost revenue.

If things change, Marilyn, as you said, and tourism is back at full capacity, which I rather doubt, I think this would be received well by our downtown businesses if the council would agree to just extend this. And so these businesses that are affected by this resolution can do better planning for long-term investment over these difficult months.

Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: Well, I definitely would defer to DPW on that. I just -- since you -- I don't know if going to the end of the year with snow and all of
that, I think we have to be careful.

But Commissioner Scirocco, I'll
leave that up to you.

I'm fine with doing either way. I
think that we're here to help. We're not
here to make life miserable.

So whatever, Skip, you decide you
want to do, because it's really -- to go
for the whole year, we're going into the
fall and winter.

MS. RIVERS: Well, we could as -- as
a --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Make it
October 31st like we usually do.

MS. RIVERS: Yeah. October 31st is
when all --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That would be
helpful.

MS. RIVERS: -- the sidewalk cafés
have to get their equipment in and all
their tables in. They usually take it
out. So October 31st is -- is the day
where the sidewalks -- you know, sidewalk
cafés would end.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: The other --
MAYOR KELLY: I would be fine with that --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah. Before Skip jumps in, the other reason why we -- and I'm fine. I'd keep it forever. Our other concern --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Me, too.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: -- was not as much -- the two places you mentioned don't use the road, but --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Right.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: -- our concern was, like, Henry Street, Phila, Caroline that if we're open a hundred percent -- and that's why we kind of put the sunset clause in it. If we're open a hundred percent, then traffic can't get through there, and it's going to be I think a health hazard. That was our reasoning for putting June 30th and figuring we would know by then probably -- I don't even think we have to wait till the second meeting in June. It think we'll know by May of where we stand.

So as to then extend to October --
I'll do whatever you guys want to do, but that was -- I just wanted you to understand that was our reasoning for it. We were concerned --

MAYOR KELLY: So let me ask a question, and maybe Vince can jump in here before -- because I'm just sitting here thinking. If we go -- if restaurants can open to a hundred percent, then isn't their liquor license on an occupancy already?

MR. DELEONARDIS: Yeah. The very purpose of allowing the expansion of outdoor seating was to supplement the limitation on indoor seating. So if a -- if a business or restaurant has an occupancy, let's just say, of fifty people, the governor's order restricts them to only twenty-five. We allow them to use the outdoor area to supplement that so that they can reach full occupancy.

The June 30th was proposed as simply an opportunity to see what the governor does with regard to the order. If he
allows for full capacity and we are open
in full capacity, it wouldn't need to be
extended. However, as Commissioner
Franck mentioned, we'll know well in
advance of June 30th. If it requires an
extension, council can do that by way of
a mere resolution.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: And it's a lot
harder to go back and say we've given
somebody something and then take it away
versus going the other direction. But
I'll leave it up to you guys. I mean, I
don't care one way or another. I think
Commissioner Madigan makes a lot of great
points there, too, and our original
thought process was October 31st because
that's how we do it every year. But my
concern was, once you go into the street
and we do have a true track season, then
we're going to have a lot of problems
getting cars through there.

MS. RIVERS: Yeah. And Commissioner
Scirocco can speak on this, but Mike
Veitch had pointed out that Commissioner
Scirocco is working with the -- the
downtown business -- the Broadway Corridor about doing a study for outdoor activities.

Is that correct, Commissioner Scirocco?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That's correct, yes. Can you hear me?

MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

MS. RIVERS: Yeah. So --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes, yes.

Yeah, we're doing a -- we're working with Special Assessment. I mean, they contacted me, and they're concerned about, obviously, the business area. They would like to have something more uniform for the people that work in the right-of-way when these projects come forward and that sort of thing. But it's basically a streetscape -- I guess, yeah -- whatever design or whatever you want to call it for the right-of-way.

Listen, I agree with John here. I think that it makes more sense to kind of wait and see, especially in the Henry Street area, Phila Street, Caroline
Street. Those areas down there, when you put those barricades out in the street, well, this year we didn't have -- last year we didn't have a track. This year it appears that we're going to have a racetrack. There's a lot of traffic; there's a lot of movement in that area down there. And I did notice -- I don't know really what happened, but a few of those barricades, like, they were moved, and that's a little concerning.

But I wouldn't want to do anything beyond the June 30th date until we knew for sure that we weren't going to have hundred percent capacity. Again, I don't have a problem with extending it. I think it makes more sense.

And again, I think, John, you brought it up. The fact that if we give them something and then take it away, it's going to be even worse. And I don't know how the state liquor authority is going to look at that, the fact that now people can go into the restaurants and drink and participate with food and stuff
in the restaurants. I mean, it worked out really good. But again, I wouldn't want to -- I wouldn't want to extend it without knowing for sure where we were going to be this summer because it could be -- could come back to bite us and --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Well, as a courtesy, I just want you all to know that I plan to bring this up tomorrow night for an extension because I rather doubt we're going to be open to a hundred percent capacity, but we could. But I'm an advocate of extending it. I think it will help the downtown businesses. The one issue that I'd like to look into more is the issue about the state liquor authority and extending to the --

If they open a hundred percent inside, which I would find that surprising, are you saying, Vince, that the state liquor authority will not take into (audio interference) indoor/outdoor capacity potentially based on our resolution or --

MR. DELEONARDIS: Yeah.
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: We don't want them to have any more capacity than what they already have in terms of their indoor seating because this is a way to make up for lost revenue. Without the outdoor seating last year, many of these businesses would not have made it.

MR. DELEONARDIS: Yeah, these businesses have licenses outside of those provided by the city. They have state liquor license --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: What?

MR. DELEONARDIS: -- and DOH licenses that relate to their capacity. So we have done --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Right.

MR. DELEONARDIS: -- everything we can do to allow them to reach full capacity. But if you're suggesting, Commissioner, that we provide for outdoor space to allow them to expand beyond full capacity, it's something that would require state input (indiscernible). We just don't have that --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Including
with outdoor. So like restaurants, like, Wheatfields that do outdoor seating all of the time, they have that wrapped into their capacity already?

MR. DELEONARDIS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That's what I'm trying to understand.

MS. RIVERS: Yes. The issue that we are going to be -- we're going to need to work with SLA to determine if they're going to give extensions to these sidewalk extensions. We haven't heard from the SLA yet, so that's --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.

MS. RIVERS: -- an important factor in this. We're trying to be proactive. But as the -- as the summer season heats up and we're already planning for special events, and we're planning for track. And so the capacity issue is a real issue because even their eating and drinking license -- you know, the DOH licenses are based on occupancy and capacity. So we need to make sure that we're fully compliant with New York State law for SLA
and the DOH.

MR. DELEONARDIS: And -- and if I may --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I can understand that. That makes a lot of sense. But I still think you're going to have people that don't want to eat indoors. So this flexibility that we allow, even at full capacity, right? I mean, in a way then, we're forcing everyone back indoors in some of these places that have the outdoor eating where there may be people who don't have vaccine, who want to eat outdoors. I just think we have to be, like, conscious of that. Like, the outdoor seating is really what's going to make some of these downtown businesses more successful revenue-wise.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I think we --

MAYOR KELLY: Yes, I only --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I think we are going to have outdoor seating. We're not saying we're not going to have
outdoor seating, but we're limiting it, I think, till June. Again, we don't know if we're going to have a racetrack. I mean, we have the streets that are all blocked off for the most part. Again, it could be a disaster down there. We didn't have a track this year --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Nah, it's not going to be a disaster.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Well, you don't know that. And you don't know if we're going to have a hundred percent --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And you don't if it's going -- I mean, like, you're getting -- I just think that that's a little extreme language.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: You can argue all day long here the point. The point here is it's --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I'm just saying tomorrow I'm going to --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: --

(indiscernible) --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- introduce a friendly amendment to extend it.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The liquor authority -- we don't know if the liquor authority is going to extend the date. Now, you can have outdoor seating but no liquor. So if you want to eat outside, I guess you could do that.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Sure.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I guess you could do that, but people expect to go out and they have a drink. They have a meal and everything is done outside. I suppose you could do that.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah.

Commissioner, the other idea would be -- this is kind of just coming to my mind. The other idea is we can keep to October 31st with language in there that, if it goes to full occupancy, then we have -- we can go the other way. I just --

MS. RIVERS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I just think people are going to get upset. But I mean, I'll do whatever you guys -- look, I agree with you. I don't think we're going to be at a hundred percent. And if
we are at a hundred percent, I think
certain ones don't affect the street like
the two that you mentioned, and there
were some other ones that just don't
affect the street. The only reason we're
trying to -- and this can be amended
again in the first meeting in April.
We're just trying to get it so we can
open in two weeks from today. That was
the main thrust, but whatever you guys
want to do.

We can tweak this as early as the
next meeting. I just want to be able to
have these people be able to open in two
weeks. That's my main concern, and
that's why I think it was important to
put somebody from your office on the
committee, too. Because when Marilyn
originally set this up over a year ago,
we were kind of going off of what other
cities and what the state liquor
authority and other things were saying.
So unfortunately, I think this could be
changed two or three times in the next
couple of months, but I do agree that
people really needed this to keep going. And actually, some of them actually
thrived with it.

MS. RIVERS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: My concern is
those two or three areas just from a --
I'm not a traffic person, but from a
traffic and DPW it's going to be tight.
Relating to if they --

Maybe we can somehow do a paint line
or chalk line or something where these
things go out so they can't move it,
Commissioner Scirocco.

I would say, even though we're
saying sometime in June, I could see us
revisiting this probably in April and May
again just because we're going to get
more information as we go.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. And
that's --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And I
also --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- actually
helpful. Yeah, that's actually helpful.
Revisiting it sooner than later just for
these ones that need to do a little more
long-term planning, and I definitely
understand there's a few streets around
Phila and Caroline that are going to be
tough. But just to build in flexibility
and have a conversation about that so
we're sending the right signal to the
downtown businesses, I think, is --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah. I could
see us --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- a good
idea for tomorrow night.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah. I could
even see us doing 136th as long as --
which was kind of what was being pushed
original before I went to the streets of
backing into that a little bit as long as
you have four or five, six feet, whatever
it is, to meet the law that they could
still use some of the sidewalk space.
But I think this going to be looked at
almost every meeting for review.

MS. RIVERS: I -- I think for the
council's consideration we are -- as I
said, we are as a community looking at
special events for the coming year, and
we're starting to review them and to plan
for them. When you start talking --

And we can, Commissioner Madigan,
dovetail that into this existing -- you
know, this existing resolution because,
as we talk about music, we start to get
into the whole special events
requirements for COVID and for pandemic.
So we can gladly, you know, assist you in
meeting with some of those community
members for long-range planning. Maybe
it's not a sidewalk extension because,
when you start talking about music and
activities, it's more of a special events
that we'll gladly --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.

MS. RIVERS: -- work with the
community on. So this is --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: -- primarily
tables -- these are tables and chairs in
the public right-of-way and in parking
spaces. When we get to music and we get
to festival-type issues, it becomes
more -- it goes more towards special
events which we'd be glad to work with
everyone on.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Thank
you.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Any other
questions on those two?

MAYOR KELLY: I'm fine. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: No.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
Marilyn, so much for jumping --

MS. RIVERS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: -- in up
there.

The third item is discussion and
vote, authorization for mayor to sign
Addendum Number 5 to GAR Associates.
They're the ones that do our appraisal,
so as we do it in chunks.

So I don't know if there's any
questions on that one? No.

And then the fourth item is from the
mayor's office, award of bid labor
employment legal services to Goldberger
and Kremer.

MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: And that's --

MAYOR KELLY: -- Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you.

And that's all I have for tomorrow night's meeting.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

On to Finance, Commissioner Madigan.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you, Mayor.

So the first item is an announcement about the 2021 bond rating. We received our annual bond rating from Standard & Poor's, and I am here to inform the council and the public -- and tomorrow night I will do so, too -- that it held firm on last year's rating which was double A plus with a negative outlook, which is what we received last year. And the negative outlook is primarily due to COVID and revenues not being what they were pre-COVID. I'll deliver a more detailed report tomorrow evening. It is very good news given the pressures from
our reduced revenues, of course, and it
will bode very well for our 2021 bonding.

Item number two is a discussion and
vote on the 2021 bond resolution. The
bond resolution, once approved by the
council, gives the Commissioner of
Finance the authority to bond the
projects listed therein. We are not
required to bond for all of the projects
that are actually listed. We usually
release our public sell in late spring,
early summer, and I'll be continuing to
evaluate our finances and the interest
rates closely, determine the best
course -- I keep the council updated as
necessary and if necessary.

Item number three is an update on
the city finances. Of course, this is a
recurring topic that I've had at most
2021 council meetings. I will be
reporting on the 1.9 million Federal
Stimulus Act passed by the House at 2
a.m. on Saturday morning. The vote was
extremely partisan, divided down party
tables, with no Republicans in the House
supporting the bill and only two Democrats voting no against the bill.

Under this bill, the City of Saratoga Springs is slated to receive seven million dollars. At this time now, we have very few details about the type and timing and distribution. We do know that it will likely flow through New York State. They'll be able to hold onto it for at least thirty days before it's delivered to the city. Any more details I have on this, I will inform you tomorrow evening.

Item number four is a discussion and vote, budget amendments capital fund for recreation, school district contract for capital improvements.

Item number five is a discussion and vote, budget amendment capital fund for 2020 reimbursements. While we rarely allow amendments or transfers for the previous years, certain unusual circumstances require an exception. We received a late reimbursement which will be applied to 2020 through the year
otherwise closed to these -- throughout
the year I guess we were closed to these
kind of adjustments. I guess.

Item number six is a budget transfer
from contingency.

And I am going to add one item to my
agenda, another email that I was hoping
to get out to the council for further
discussion, but I guess that's what's
good with these agenda meetings. It's an
announcement for a commemoration in honor
of Matt McCabe, the former commissioner
of finance, community leader, and good
Samaritan to all. An idea that has come
about is a result of a conversation with
Commissioner Franck: a memorial plaque
that we can make as a city council,
identifying an area in front of city hall
as the Matt McCabe walkway. And
additionally, a bench, I was hoping,
outside on Broadway outside city hall
could also be in honor of Matt McCabe
because I think we all kind of see him or
will miss seeing him in his regular
seating on one of the benches outside on
Broadway near city hall. I'll have more
details about that tomorrow night and
hopefully an email out to the city
council to approve this.

Thank you, and that will complete my
agenda.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

On to Public Works, Commissioner
Scirocco. You're muted. You're muted.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Can you hear
me now?

MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Okay. The
first item on my agenda is discussion and
vote. This is the SEQR resolution for
Loughberry Lake Dam project. As the
project's sponsored, the city must comply
with the State Environmental Quality
Review Act. That's the SEQR. This
requires (indiscernible) to process a
joint application to the New York State
DBC and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for
permits effecting streams, waterways, and
water bodies and wetlands.
(Indiscernible) has determined that the proposed project is classified as a type 2 action, and it's exempt from further SEQR review. But in order to seek much needed funding and assistance, the city council has to submit the required documentation and pass a resolution stating that SEQR is satisfied. And the resolution was distributed with the agenda.

The second item on my agenda is to set a public hearing, and that's for the 2021 water and sewer rate resolution. There's not going to be a rate increase for 2021.

And I'd like to add one item to my agenda. That's discussion and vote to amend the 2021 capital budget to include reimbursement to city hall buildings project 1141. And this is in regards to, in June 2020, a PO was issued to Systems Management Planning Incorporated for fabric extenders for city hall. There was a billing error. Apparently, we got double-billed, and I think we have to put
this back in the 20 -- this 2021 budget
amendment is to reimburse revenue line
H103-42702-1141 in the amount of
$1,291.07. And it has to go back into
the 2021 capital for city hall buildings.
And it's $1,291.07.
And if there's no questions, that
concludes my agenda.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I did want to
wish Commissioner Scirocco a happy
birthday.

MAYOR KELLY: Oh, and your wife,
too.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,
Commissioner.

MAYOR KELLY: And your wife, too.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And your
wife, too.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I don't get
a birthday this year, though.

MAYOR KELLY: I know.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I know. But
it's unfortunate.
MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, well --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Well, that's good. Thank you. I appreciate that.

MAYOR KELLY: It just makes you younger.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, right.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Very young.

MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

So I have not received anything from the Public Safety Department.

The supervisors, Supervisor Veitch has one item: veterans committee update.

Supervisor Gaston has two items: COVID-19 update, and her second item is Executive Order 203 recommendations.

At this time I move that the city council enter into executive session for matters of sell, lease, or acquisition of property where disclosure would affect value. This is a motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

And I did invite Eileen Finneran, Deputy of Public Safety, to join us.

(Discussion off the record)

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: You're ready.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

And we have returned from executive session. We discussed the outstanding matters, and we have taken no action at this time.

Is there any other business from the council before we adjourn?

Thank you. Have a great day. See you tomorrow night. We are adjourned.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned)
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I, Amanda G. Stockton, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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