CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING

March 16, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Meg Kelly, Mayor
Lisa Shields, Deputy Mayor
John P. Franck, Commissioner
Michele Madigan, Commissioner
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner
Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
Tara Gaston, Supervisor
Vince DeLeonardis
MAYOR KELLY: Good evening. Welcome to city council meeting for Tuesday, March 16th. It is 6:55.

We have one public hearing on the schedule for tonight, and that is the 2021 water and sewer resolution. And I'll turn it over to Commissioner Scirocco.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you, Mayor.

As you stated, this is the 2021 water and sewer resolution public hearing. The water resolution for 2021 includes no changes from 2020 resolution. There are no rate or fee increases for water customers in 2021.

However, the sewer resolution for 2021 includes an increase of four dollars on the basic service charge for all customers. This is the only increase -- this is the only increase included for sewer customers in 2021 and is a result of sewer charge increases from the Saratoga County Sewer District over the last five years. These county
increases have been outlined for the
council and public previously and are
described each year when the resolutions
are passed.

To provide further information on
the county sewer charges, from 2016 to
2020 the county charges to the city
increased forty-three percent from 2.7
million to 3.9 million. During the same
period, the city portion of the sewer
budget grew by only four percent. While
we have maintained our costs, the county
charges are outside of the city's control
and are determined by the Saratoga County
Sewer Commission.

To account for this significant
increase from the county, sewer rates
have been incrementally increased and
fund balance was used to cover deficits.
Instead of passing a forty-three percent
increase onto water customers, a gradual
increase has been planned. There will be
some relief for the county sewer charges
in 2021 as they decrease their charges by
approximately 300,000. Saratoga County
has provided no information that this reduction will extend beyond 2021.

Unfortunately, even with this reduced charge, the basic service increase is necessary. DPW and Utilities Department are further reviewing methods to fairly balance the sewer charges across customers, and we are setting up a meeting with the county to discuss their charges and potential future increases.

I don't know if anybody wanted to speak at the public hearing.

MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. So if anybody would like to speak from the public, you could just raise your hand and let us know. And this is referring to the 2021 water and sewer resolutions.

So Commissioner, are we closing this tonight?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCHO: Yes.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCHO: Yes. I believe it's on my agenda -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCHO: -- -- to
vote on this tonight.

MAYOR KELLY: Great. All right.

I don't see anybody raising their hands. Let me ask again if anybody wants to comment on the 2021 water and sewer resolution.

Okay. Then we are closing that public hearing, and we will be voting on that this evening. So with that, we have one minute to wait before we can start our meeting, so we'll just be one minute. Thank you.

(Pause in proceedings)

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. At this time, I'd like to ask the secretary for a roll call please?

SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:

Commissioner Franck?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Present.

SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:

Commissioner Madigan?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Present.

SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:

Commissioner Scirocco?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Here.
SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:

Commissioner Dalton?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Present.

SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Kelly?

MAYOR KELLY: Here.

SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:

Supervisor Veitch?

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Here.

SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL:

Supervisor Gaston?

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Here.

MAYOR KELLY: Please rise for the pledge of allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Thank you.

Next on the agenda is our public comment period. I ask that you try to keep your comments brief, up to two minutes. There will be a bell to signify the end of your time. We will probably
be extending this. I think we've had close to fifty registered here this evening.

So at this time, if you are wishing to speak at public comment period, could you please raise your hand so I can get an estimation?

Okay. I'm going to ask again. If you're wishing to speak this evening, could you please raise your hand?

Okay. So as a reminder, public comment is not a dialogue or a discussion with the council members. However, at the end of public comment period, any council may respond to a comment.

Anyone who wishes to address the council may do so now by raising their hand, and we will be calling on you. Please state your name and address and provide your comments.

I'm going to start with Katherine Danette (ph.).

Can you unmute yourself? Thank you.

MS. DANETTE: My name is Katherine Danette. I am twenty-two years old. I
am from Saratoga. And my home address -- -- 11 Sydney Hill Road, Saratoga Springs, New York.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Go ahead -- --

MS. DANETTE: I just -- --

MAYOR KELLY: -- -- with your comment, please.

MS. DANETTE: Thank you. I just have a short comment to read.

Hello, city council members. In the wake of a tumultuous year of injustice and awakening and thanks for the relentless work of community advocates, Saratoga along with the rest of our country is at a moment of change. And it is our responsibility as a community to be an active part in directing that change.

The Police Reform Task Force has spent months thoroughly examining and researching policing policies and practices in Saratoga Springs while taking a deep consideration of our community's wants and needs. As your constituent and emerging and engaged
Saratoga, I'm writing to ask that you take serious time and consideration in reviewing the intensive and important work that the task force has put in before voting on the police reform recommendations.

The community has spoken, and every one of our voices matter. This attention to reinvention, however, gives no guarantee of real change. Therefore, it is the actions of our local government that are of the utmost importance at this time. Several of the principles outlined in their recommendations, appropriately titled Reinvention Plan Towards a Community-Centered Justice Initiative, addresses grievances that have been felt throughout the country. And in looking at the stories shared in the police reform survey, Saratoga is no exception.

These proposes -- these proposals are not radical. What they offer us are new ways of thinking about policing and public safety beyond the parameters of a
recurrent, outdated, and flawed model.

This is not to say that many things do not work. It's to say that they do not work as well as they could. They do not work for all. And they cause harm to some.

Fostering a community of respect and reconciliation, accountability and acknowledgement, transparency and trust begins and ends with a commitment to openness and community involvement. A serious review of the recommendations and an attentive and caring ear during the public hearings would both empower the community to be a part of creating this world that we exist in together and help inform the council of what their people from the people -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Can you wrap -- -- can you wrap it up? You're over your two minutes. Can you just wrap it up?

MS. DANETTE: Sorry. I just -- -- I and my fellow Saratogians request and urge that you deeply study the tireless work of this task force and allow us to
join the conversation with our local elected officials, so we can actively foster justice in this community that we share together.

Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Katherine.

MS. DANETTE: Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: If you would like to speak, please raise your hands.

Sarah Marlin (ph.), can you unmute please and put your video on?

MS. MARLIN: Hi. My name is Sarah Marlin. I'm twenty-three. I live in Saratoga Springs, New York. I'd rather not give my address if that's possible.

But I am -- -- just wanted to reiterate -- -- agree with some of the things Kate just said, and I'm just urging you to work to review the task force recommendations, the task force where many of you selected the representatives that are now on it.

I'm also just concerned about the meeting that's placed on March 31st, the night before recommendations are supposed
to be adopted or passed. I've been -- --
and I'm asking -- -- I'm curious to see
the plan and what those meetings are
going to look like, and I'm curious -- --
if there's a possibility that meeting
could get pushed up closer so you'd have
more time to take the public's input at
that hearing and incorporate it into your
understandings of your hopeful passings
(sic) and -- -- and adoptions of
recommendations by this task force. I
see a meeting that lasts for five hours
of review to be concerning with making
an -- -- an actual decision. So I'm
hoping an additional special meeting,
like has been done in the past with the
city council, could be added the week
before that or even this week. I'm sure
you'd have many public members who'd be
willing to sit in and give their
opinions.

So that's all I have to say. Thank
you.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

Anyone else for public comment,
please raise your hand.

Molly Dunn (ph.), please unmute and put your video on, please.

MS. DUNN: Hi, there. I'm -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Hi.


I just wanted to reiterate what Katherine and Sarah both stated. I'd also like to say I would love to see a little bit more transparency on the actual voting for the police reform. I would love to see if it's -- -- there's a unanimous yes or no, or if separate parts of the police reform are going to be voted on, how that process is going to take place, what each of the meetings coming up are going to be focused on. So I would love that all to be available to the public prior to the meetings.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

Okay. Anyone else? Please raise your hand if you'd like to speak.

Okay. It doesn't look like I have anybody else here that's wanting to
speak. I'm going to give you thirty
seconds to raise your hand, and then I'm
going to close the public comment.

Okay. So we will move on, then, to
our agenda. I'll close public comment.

Any comments from the council?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: I think we
should make sure we point out that we do
have a meeting on March 23rd, and then
the other -- -- the next meeting on March
31st specifically for further public
feedback and comments from the public
(indiscernible) -- --

MAYOR KELLY: We'll get to that when
we get to the task force. Yeah.

Anything else?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I guess I
would just want to say that all our
meetings are going to be available to the
public. So in terms of transparency,
when we vote on the resolution that will
be put forward, the public will be
invited to watch us vote. So it will be
a very transparent process.

MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Thank you,
Commissioner.

Anyone else?

Okay. We have no executive session this evening.

So on to our consent agenda. Are there any changes or additions to the consent agenda?

Then I move that the city council approve the consent agenda. As included with this agenda, this is a motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

At this time, I would like to bring up my number ten item. I'm going to move it up on my agenda to my number one item, Police Reform Task Force, because I know that that's what everybody's sitting on here for. And I don't want to go through my entire agenda and let them wait.

I'm going to bring in Vince
DeLeonardis, our city attorney, and to start us into this discussion.

Thank you, Vince.

MR. DELEONARDIS: Thank you, Mayor.

So as you all recall, on June 12th, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 203 entitled Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. On August 4th, 2020, the Police Reform Task Force was established by the mayor with input from the council, and on August 19th, the task force held their first meeting.

That was less than seven months ago.

The task force was given an enormous assignment, while unfortunately not given a lot of time in which to complete it. But they did. On March 5th, the task force completed and released to the city council and the public a 108-page report entitled Reinvention Plan Toward a Community-Centered Justice Initiative, which contains more than fifty recommendations intended to improve the policies and practices of the Saratoga Springs Police Department. The members
of the task force included Jason Golub, Camille Daniels, Winston Grady-Willis, Terry Diggory, Chuck Caputo, Daesha Harris, Ce Ce Hayes, Andrew Sephas, Steven Boxley, Kristen Dart, Kim Galvin, Chief Shane Crooks, and me as a nonvoting member.

The work of the thirteen-member task force was thorough and extensive. Their effort and commitment to this important assignment was truly impressive, and they should all be commended. As I indicated at the March 2nd city council meeting, it is now up to the council to review and deliberate on the proposed recommendations and determine which of those recommendations will be implemented and how.

Since the release of the task force recommendations, I have met with each of you as members of city council, along with Chief Crooks, and have put together a draft resolution for your consideration based upon the input and guidance I have received. For the benefit of the public
and the council, I will read the resolution, and in a moment Lisa will put the document on the screen so that everyone can follow along.

At the end, the matter will be opened up for discussion among the council so that I can give direction on any possible edits, revisions, or additions to the resolution. The resolution will be placed on the city's website, and by close of business tomorrow I will post in redline form the resolution document which comes out of this evening's meeting. There will be a special city council meeting as indicated next Tuesday, March 23rd, at 7 p.m. where we will allow for public comment and further council deliberation. Any changes to the document will again be posted on the city's website in redline form for public view. There will then be an additional city council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 31st, at 7 p.m. where public comment will again be allowed and a resolution presented for
discussion and vote.

So Lisa, if you don't mind putting up the resolution?

MAYOR KELLY: No.

Yes, it's there. Thank you, Lisa.

MR. DELEONARDIS: It's there. Thank you.

A resolution of the city council of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan. Whereas on June 12th, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order Number 203 requiring local governments, including the City of Saratoga Springs, to perform a comprehensive review of existing police enforcement deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and with input from community members and stakeholders to develop a plan to improve such deployment strategies, policies, procedures, and practices. And whereas Executive Order Number 203 was issued by the governor in response to an outpouring of protests and demonstrations occurring
throughout the country following the police-involved deaths of unarmed Black and African-American civilians and the ongoing demand for change, action, and accountability for the mistreatment and discrimination of such civilians. And in an effort to eliminate racial inequities in policing, to modify and modernize policing strategies, policies, procedures, and practices to better address the particular needs of communities of color, to promote public safety, improve community engagement, and to foster trust.

And whereas on August 4th, 2020, the mayor in consultation with city council established the Saratoga Springs Police Reform Task Force and appointed eleven members of the community together with the police chief and the city attorney to serve on the task force and develop recommendations for the city council to improve police force deployment, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices in accordance with the
governor's executive order.

And whereas the task force held more than a dozen public meetings since its establishment both in-person and virtually, conducted research, engaged community members and stakeholders through a public forum and a community survey, and encouraged public comment by providing opportunities at each and every meeting and on the city's website. And whereas the task force established twelve subcommittees in an effort to further enlarge community input and participation through focused review of identified areas of concern, including among others police culture, training and education, use of force in related policies, transparency, and accountability.

And whereas following a thorough and extensive review, the task force with involvement and input from community members developed a Reinvention Plan, Toward a Community-Centered Justice Initiative, which contains a multitude of recommendations for the city council to
consider as part of the overall effort to improve police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices. And whereas the task force recommendations have been made available for public review and comment, provided to community entities and stakeholders identified in the executive order, and reviewed, discussed, and deliberated by the city council with due consideration of comments from community members and stakeholders.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the city council in accordance with the Saratoga Springs City Charter and Governor Cuomo's Executive Order Number 203 makes the following findings and determinations on the identified task force recommendations as contained in the enumerated sections of the Reinvention Plan, Toward a Community-Centered Justice Initiative, a true and complete copy of which is in next hereto.

Section 1, Culture and Training.
The city council agrees with the task
force and acknowledges the prevalence of racism which has existed throughout history in the United States. The city council previously adopted a resolution on February 16th, 2021, declaring that systemic racism must be challenged and eliminated and pledged to exercise its authority to promote racial equity and fairness in the City of Saratoga Springs, to develop and cultivate a diverse and inclusive culture, and to eliminate discriminatory systems and practices.

The city council acknowledges that many of the task force recommendations contained in Section 1 have already been undertaken or implemented by the police department, including initiatives relating to community-based activities and assertive outreach, efforts to partner with local educational institutions to develop programs, recruiting activities that target broader markets for racial and cultural diversity, and training that focuses on de-escalation, procedural justice, and
protests. The department is also currently seeking accreditation and already submitted the necessary application to DCJS.

Notwithstanding, the council acknowledges that additional education and training is appropriate and hereby directs the chief of police to implement broader educational opportunities and additional training programs consistent with the task force recommendations, including the utilization of an independent external consultant once funding becomes available and budgetary appropriations have been provided. Pending such appropriations, the chief of police shall continue efforts to partner with local academic institutions, groups, and organizations for developing educational opportunities and programs that are not dependent on funding.

Sections 2, Policy. The city council agrees with the task force recommendations relating to a third-party platform to ensure compliance with
federal and New York State standards and
active laws and judicial ruling and that
the selection of such provider should be
through an open and competitive process.
The council notes that, consistent with
the task force recommendations, the
police chief has already posted all
existing policies on the city's website
in an effort to increase transparency,
and such practice shall be maintained.

With regard to use of force and
conducted energy control-device policies,
the city council agrees with the general
purpose and intent of the task force
recommendations and specifically those
which prioritize de-escalation and
emphasize alternatives to use of force.
The police department currently trains
officers on such practices and has
policies addressing the same. However,
the council finds merit in further action
and hereby directs the chief of police to
review all use of force and conducted
energy control device policies and to
update such policies in a manner
consistent with applicable law and the

task force recommendations.

The council also agrees that
monitoring, reporting, and early
intervention are of critical importance
in maintaining adherence to use-of-force
policies and accountability for
individuals that do not. The police
department currently monitors all use-of-force
incidents and complies with
reporting requirements for state database
in accordance with New York executive law
and applicable regulations. The
department also has procedures in place
for retraining officers and where
appropriate disciplining such officers.

The council also recognizes that the
chief of police is currently implementing
an investigation procedure for use-of-force
incidents where such investigation
would be performed by an individual
outside the chain of command of the
officer under investigation. Data
analytics relative to use-of-force
incidents and conducted energy control
The task force's recommendations relative to interagency cooperation during First Amendment assemblies is acknowledged. The police department currently has policies in place which govern assemblies and law enforcement responses based upon intelligence gathered by the department. Gear and equipment utilized by law enforcement is intended to serve a protective purpose and not a militaristic one. The supervisory staff of the agency requesting enforcement assistance under existing policy retains incident command over all officers assigned to the incident. The city council is, however, mindful of the July 30, 2020, incident referenced by the task force and hereby directs the chief of police to review all
policies relative to First Amendment assemblies and interagency cooperation to ensure clarity and consistency in situations where assistance from outside agencies is requested and to make necessary revisions consistent with applicable law and the task force recommendations.

With regard to the task force recommendation that the police department be precluded from initiating no-knock warrants under any circumstance, the city council recognizes the debate existing on this issue. No-knock warrants are and should be rarely, if ever, utilized. A no-knock warrant requires an application and review by a presiding member of the judiciary. One must be satisfied that either evidence will be destroyed or disposed of or that the officer's life would be in danger through the issuance of an announced warrant.

However, the council is also aware that on March 3rd, 2021, the United States House of Representatives passed a
bill entitled the George Floyd Justice
and Policing Act which, if subsequently
signed into law, would among other things
ban no-knock warrants in drug cases. The
council, therefore, finds it appropriate
to review this issue further and hereby
suspects any determination until such
time that the Senate has considered the
measure and the bill is signed into law.
If and when passage of the law occurs,
the council will require the chief of
police to ensure that all policies of the
department are in accordance and
consistent with same.

Regarding immigration status of
individuals, the council finds that
department policy already prohibits the
detention of any individual for civil
violations of federal immigration laws
and limits the release of protected
information to that which is legally
permissible by law. Sharing of
information relating to noncriminal
immigration violations is currently
prohibited. The council is aware of the
Second Department case of People v. DeMarco cited by the task force and finds that current department policy is in compliance with same as it prohibits arrest based upon a warrantless arrest from federal authorities for a civil immigration violation.

Section 3, Community-Centered Reinvention. The city council acknowledges the task force recommendation that a collaborative arrangement be established, quote, where social workers work with, not for, law enforcement agencies, end quote. Equally acknowledged, however, is the fact that such collaboration currently exists. As well, collaborations specifically addressing other issues identified by the task force including mental illness, substance abuse, and homelessness also currently exist. Such collaborations allow the department to assist in efforts in reaching out to the homeless population and offer basic human needs, including food, clothing, shelter, and
other personal needs as well as medical, mental health, behavioral health, and addiction counseling services. The city council, therefore, disputes and takes exception to the statement by the task force that, quote, unhoused people are regularly subjected to harassment from police, end quote, and notes that the task force report is devoid of any factual support for such statement.

The police department has long developed partnerships with community stakeholders, agencies, and nonprofit service providers and was an original participator in the Saratoga initiative to end homelessness which subsequently evolved into the Assertive Outreach Team and includes collaboration with Shelters of Saratoga, Salvation Army, Saratoga Hospital, Addiction Care Center of Albany, Rise Housing and Support Services, Captain Community Human Services, New Choices Recovery Center, Adirondack Health Institute, Saratoga County Career Center, New York State
Department of Family Assistance, and the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council.

The police department is also actively involved with mental health substance abuse disorder partnership which includes Saratoga County Mental Health, Healing Springs Recovery Community and Outreach Center, St. Peters Addiction and Recovery Center, Mental Health Association of New York State, Saratoga Hospital, Catholic Charities of Saratoga, the Independent Living Center, Northeast Family Resource Center, and New Choices Recovery Center, among others. The department also works closely with Wellspring to provide advocacy and support services for sexual assault and domestic abuse victims and to ensure that department training and policies reflect the most current information and best practices in addressing such issues.

In addition to the myriad efforts of the police department, the council has also long provided financial and other
support to numerous nonprofit and social
services providers including but not
limited to the Saratoga Senior, Franklin
Community Center, Shelters of Saratoga,
Saratoga Center for the Family, and EOC
Soup Kitchen. Such support has
consistently been included in adopted
city budgets even during the current
fiscal crisis.

With regard to the task force
recommendation that the police department
terminate certain training, prohibit the
receipt of certain retired military
weapons or vehicles, and ban any outside
department from entering the city with
such military equipment, the council
finds that current police department
training is consistent with state and
federal training guidelines, and the
department does not participate in the
Department of Defense 1033 Program
referenced by the task force. The
council further notes that it does not
have the authority to control the type of
equipment or weapons purchased or
utilized by county, state, or federal law enforcement nor the authority to ban such entities from entering the municipal boundaries of the city.

Regarding the recommendation to divert seized assets from criminal charges to community-based restorative groups or alternatively community service organizations, the city council notes that expenditure from funds realized through asset forfeiture are strictly governed. And while the city has historically received only minimal funds through asset forfeiture, any and all expenditures must comply with applicable requirements and be used for law enforcement purposes. The city council does agree with the task force recommendation to evaluate and implement an education pilot program that teaches officers the history of policing in America and the city with an emphasis on the impact policing has had on diverse communities and directs the chief of police to progress towards implementation.
towards such a program.

Section 4, Transparency and Accountability. The city council accepts and agrees with the task force recommendations relating to data analytics. Identifying trends and patterns in police interactions through the collection and analysis of data is helpful in determining whether disparities exist and allows the department to make necessary changes in response to same. The New York State forms utilized by the department are limited in their data fields. However, the chief of police has since created new procedures and data fields to more thoroughly capture information in line with the task force recommendations.

Consistent with those recommendations in the actions already implemented, the chief of police is hereby directed to continue and expand the collection and compilation of data relating to all departmental investigative activities and to
categorize those by types of calls and stops and to indicate the race, national origin, gender, and demographic information of involved individuals excluding any personally identifying information and to make such data publicly available. The chief shall further ensure that department policy is consistent with such directive and applicable law.

The council will consider, if and when budgetary appropriations become available, the creation of a new position of database manager as recommended by the task force. Or alternatively the expansion of duties under an existing title subject to compliance with the city charter and New York civil service law.

The city council further accepts the revised complaint form and instructions recommended by the task force and located in Appendix I and J and hereby directs the chief of police to implement same and to make available on the city's website.

With regard to the task force's
recommendations to implement a civilian review board, the city council recognizes the history and debate which has surrounded this issue and finds that while merit may exist for such a program, further review is necessary. Title VI of the city charter vests the Commissioner of Public Safety with the, quote, jurisdiction, supervision, and control of the governance, administration, disposition, operation, and discipline of the police department and its officers, end quote. Such authority would seemingly include that which the task force recommends be provided to the proposed civilian review board and as such the city council may be limited in its ability to act upon such recommendation.

There also remain questions regarding the impact such a board would have on existing collective bargaining agreements, including those between the city and the Saratoga Springs Police PBA, lieutenants, and administrative officers
unit, and specifically whether any conflicts exist between the procedures proposed to be under the authority of a civilian review board and those contained in the afore mentioned agreements sufficient to require negotiations with the respective units. Likewise, review of the recommended civilian review board's authority, process, and procedures will be necessary to confirm that same do not conflict with or run afoul of the applicable requirements of New York State civil service law, including in particular Section 75 and to additionally ensure that the rights to due process of any individual who may be subject to civilian review are not unduly or unlawfully restricted.

The city council further finds that certain provisions of the proposed civilian review board as set forth in Appendix G also require additional analysis prior to any action or determination. For example, the task force recommendations appear to limit
civilian review board's authority to addressing only those complaints which are received, quote, from a resident of the city, end quote. Such provision fails to address complaints which may be received from individuals who do not reside in the city nor does it allow for the ability of the board to initiate its own review and investigation.

Other areas warranting analysis and comparison against alternatives include the scope or type of complaints which a civilian review board should investigate; whether subpoena power is necessary and/or appropriate; whether authority should be limited to an advisory recommendation or expanded to include ability to discipline; the composition and qualification of members and whether such members should be appointed or elected; training requirements; the ability to retain experienced investigators and/or independent counsel; and importantly, a determination of cost associated with implementing a civilian
review board. The council is aware of recent New York State Bar Association publication indicating that the funding required by certain municipalities that have implemented a civilian review board range from as little as 75 dollars per officer to as much as 5,000 dollars per officer. Given the number employed by the City of Saratoga Springs, such amount would translate to a potential budgetary impact of between 5,775 dollars and 385,000 dollars annually. For obvious reasons, such range in possible funding would need to be sufficiently narrow prior to the city council taking any action. Ultimately, any implementation of a civilian review board would potentially involve renegotiating union contracts, amendments to the city charter, and even litigation. Prior to engaging in same, the council finds it appropriate to more thoroughly review and define the purpose, scope, and function of a civilian review board and, therefore, defers any determination until
such review has been completed.

Section 5, Next Steps. As indicated the city charter provides the Commissioner of Public Safety with authority and control over the police department, including policies, rules, regulations, and orders and to ensure that members of the department receive necessary and proper training. In accordance with the charter, the council finds that any committees or advisory panels recommended by the task force to assist in implementation of the directives contained in this resolution shall be as established by the commissioner. The council strongly encourages the chief of police and commissioner of public safety to utilize any and all available community resources and advisory input deemed necessary to assist in such implementation.

With regard to the action items identified in Section 1 through Section 4 of this resolution, the chief of police shall report to the city council and the
public on the status and progress of same
at the first regular city council meeting
in December 2021 and shall thereafter
include such relevant information in the
department's annual report which shall be
available for public view.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Vince.

Any comments from the council?

MR. DELEONARDIS: So with regard to
just a summary of the next steps and the
items for discussion, we have to discuss
and determine how we are going to
incorporate an action plan for the issue
relating to a civilian review board. And
just as a reminder for further action,
the special city council meeting of next
week on the 23rd and the following week
on the 31st, and the implementation
requirements imposed upon the chief and
the commissioner.

And so we'll open it up to, as the
mayor said, discussion on the resolution
and the thoughts and input from council.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

Any comments from the council at
this time?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: I have a lot of thoughts, but I've been following this process very closely since August. I've seen all the task force meetings. I know what they've been working on. I've read their recommendations from cover to cover, but I'd like to see what the city council thinks.

MAYOR KELLY: Anything else from the council?

You're muted. You have to unmute, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I guess I do have a few things I could chime in with, and then we'll see how the discussion evolves with the council because I'm sure the public is expecting some kind of feedback tonight from us.

First, I would like to thank the task force and thank you, Vince, for your time over the last couple of weeks to walk us through some of the thinking and this what I would call first draft of a resolution at this point and time. I
believe the task force released their
final document, the plan, on March 5th.
I was made aware that it was released a
few days later, and I've spent a fair
amount of time with that document. That
wasn't that long ago.

And then, meanwhile, Vince and our
chief were busy kind of helping the
council shape a resolution, and that also
took some time. It would be
inappropriate to release a resolution
such as the one that Vince just read
through tonight -- -- our city
attorney -- -- without having first
reviewed it with everybody on the city
council. That's just a mere courtesy.
You don't want a document out there that
I haven't read or Commissioner Franck
hasn't read or anybody on the city
council.

So this is where we're at right now.
This is why it wasn't released prior to
the meeting. I want people to know that.
Like, there is a process that we go
through, and we are also on an expedited
process to move this document forward and
bring it to a successful conclusion or a
vote. That's the first thing I want to
let people know.

The big one that I wanted to also
talk about was the civilian review board.

I have some edits, redlines, that
I'm going to want to contribute back to
you, Vince, to the rest of the whole
council because this is now our document
to move forward. I gave you some
feedback when we met the other day, and
that's if we could come up with maybe a
project plan -- -- and I know we don't
know what that's going to look at
yet -- -- to look at a civilian review
board by X date. Let's say June 15th,
June 1 -- -- I'm not sure exactly what
the date is -- -- to come back and let
the public know how we might handle
moving forward evaluating and
implementing a civilian review board
because this is something that will
likely -- -- potentially could require
referendum based on the way our charter
is written, a referendum, addendum to our current charter.

So that was another thought I wanted to put out there or maybe discuss with the council. I don't know what it looks like right now. I wish I did. I'm not all knowing. But I think we're going to have to put together a group or a committee to evaluate that piece alone, and it may be something that's written and constructed with advise from maybe a judiciary, some legal minds, on how we might craft a good working civilian review board subject to appropriation for the City of Saratoga Springs. So that was one of my initial thoughts.

There are several sections as you were reading through and I was following with you on my computer that I would want to contribute regularly that they're subject to appropriation. There are some where we include that, and there are some areas -- -- like we asked the chief to potentially set up classes to understand the history of policing, but we don't say
subject to appropriation. We want to make sure that we're including language like that and that we're supporting our police department. If we're asking them to take on these extra duties, it's going to have to be done with money.

I have more notes, but I guess at this point that summarizes my initial thoughts about where we are today with this resolution. And we're going to continue to work on it, and we do have two upcoming city council meetings to further address this before April 1st.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.

I would like to also suggest on the civilian review board that maybe the council can come together. We each pick one person from the community, and we put them -- -- a task together for them to come back to us within sixty days with recommendations on how to move this forward. But it's going to take some research on how we're going to do this,
and we need more information at this point.

So I would like to see that happen and see if we can move forward and how to move forward. I guess that's the question.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: So I have a lot of thoughts on how this can be implemented, but most importantly, I think that it needs to be done in a way that there's accountability. And people can take a look at what this task force recommended, and they can see how we're following through on each one of their recommendations, the time attached to it, and a lot of looking around New York State and how other areas have done this and what's been successful and what hasn't.

And I have been in touch with the task force since we put the recommendations out to get their feedback on how they'd like to see these implemented and what they think would be the best vehicle to do that with. But it
needs to be done in a way that it's clear
and simple to see bullet by bullet where
we're moving forward, when they can
expect feedback, (indiscernible),
whatnot. I just think that's going to be
key here.

MAYOR KELLY: Any other comments
from the council?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, Mayor.

I have a comment.

Again, reading through the
resolution, I think it's a pretty good
resolution. I want to commend the task
force for putting together a document.
Again, keep in mind that this is a draft
document, and I think the council really
needs to look it over real good and have
a little bit of time. I think that
between now and the 31st digest at least
some of the recommendations that are in
there.

Again, I think it's a work in
progress. Like any draft document, it's
something that -- -- obviously, we're not
voting on it tonight. There were a lot
of good comments by some of the -- -- by
some of the speakers, and I kind of look
forward to a little more public comment
in regards some of these recommendations.

So again, I'm kind of keeping an
open mind on this whole thing, and
hopefully we can come to some good -- --
a good resolution with this document.
But again, I want to commend the task
force for doing what they did, and that's
it.

MAYOR KELLY: Great.

Commissioner Franck, did you have
any thoughts?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah. Similar
to what I had said yesterday morning, I
think it's important -- -- because now
everybody's seeing the resolution for the
first time, the task force is seeing
this -- -- that the co-chairs of the task
force have time to look at this and
potentially at the next meeting come back
to us and -- -- because they came up with
the recommendations obviously. The city
attorney has reviewed those and come up
with some potentially changes in it, and
I would really like to hear from the co-
chairs of the task force, too, so we can
put this together and come with a
document that's workable with everybody
together.

So that was my suggestion yesterday.
It'd be my suggestion today because I'm
assuming many of the people who spoke
already now they're seeing this
resolution out. So I'm sure they have
many different questions on top of that,
so now it's out there. But I
definitely -- -- I know they did their
job, and they gave us the
recommendations, and many of us have
watched the meetings and followed it.
But now that this is actually out they
get to read the resolution and say, yes,
this is what you guys are saying, but
here's why we said what we said. And I
think that makes sense. I'm only one ofive people, but -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: No, I mean, I
agree. I think that's one of the things
I was saying yesterday. I knew we needed another meeting. I didn't know if it should just be a public hearing or maybe a workshop or reinvite, as you said, the chairs from the task force to be a part of a workshop where we can do some back-and-forth Q and A. We're going to have to spend I think a little bit of time to figure out exactly what the shape is of this next meeting because these are important meetings. The public is tuning in. The civilian review board issue is certainly of interest.

It should be pointed out that there was a recommendation in their plan on a civilian review board, and we are not discarding that. But the task force had a lot of work to do. I mean, like, they looked at a lot of things, one of which was a civilian review board. What I'm saying is I think this one needs a little bit more time and, quite possibly, does need to go to referendum, and that's something I would also maybe want to discuss with the task force so they...
understand where we're coming from. A
civilian review board is something that
needs to be done right, needs to have
adequate appropriations for it. But
another meeting however we want to frame
it, I'm totally on board with that,
whether it's a workshop with public
hearing with members of the task force.
I mean, I think that sounds great.

MAYOR KELLY: It will be a city
council meeting with public comment. And
we could have the task chairs there if
you would like, and the committee can
actually be on the call. I mean, anybody
can be on. It's an open meeting. But
I'm not going to run it any differently
than I'm running this meeting, so -- --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah, I
just -- -- historically if you look at
whether it be a comprehensive plan,
zoning changes, parking garages, issues
that I think in many instances may pale
in comparison to this, the difference
between -- -- it's been a city council
meeting. But by having a workshop -- --
and I'm not saying opening it up to a hundred people, but there's five of us. And if we had two of the co-chairs or whatever, that's only seven people, just so questions can be asked back and forth. And there may be things that we're not interpreting right from the task force, and there may be things that the task force doesn't understand from maybe the review of law and the charter and stuff. Because if we're going to do a public comment, it's two minutes. It's a one-way conversation. That's my only -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Well, Commissioner -- --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: That's my only concern.

MAYOR KELLY: -- -- if you want to open up a meeting with just two people, we have forty-five on this call. I think it would be taken as not a good thing to do.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Well, no, I'm not -- --

MAYOR KELLY: I can increase the
time -- excuse me, I can increase the
time that people speak, and we're going
to discuss that. But I just -- --

MR. DELEONARDIS: A few different
things.

MAYOR KELLY: -- if we're going
to invite two people and not the rest of
the public, then you might as well take
me down and roll me over now.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Well, that's
not what I -- no, that's not what I
said. The rest of the public can have
public comment. I'm not saying that.
But we haven't had hearings and public
hearings before -- or I mean workshops
before where we've had hundreds of people
there, but there was different groups
that were represented. I think, and
maybe I'm reading this wrong or
misinterpreting it and I apologize if I
am, but I believe that the committee as a
whole has agreed to -- some votes
weren't a hundred percent,
obviously -- but they had their chair
people there. I don't think other people
who want to comment on it one way or another would be upset with the co-chairs there.

MAYOR KELLY: Well, it might be, if you had some no-votes and they're not -- -- and the co-chairs weren't the no-votes. I mean, I don't feel comfortable -- --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Okay.

MAYOR KELLY: -- -- with that. I think it should be open to everyone.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: No, I'm -- --

MAYOR KELLY: You know?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: It's open. Well, we can have -- -- no, we can have a workshop open to everyone -- --

COMMISSIONER DALTON: I think what Commissioner Franck is saying is that, if we want some context or we have questions about the process and how the task force came to these recommendations, it would be helpful when we're on this item in the agenda to have the co-chairs there that we could ask those questions to and have those questions answered while we discuss
COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Well, we do presentations all the time for an hour where we'll have these professionals go through back and forth asking questions, asking questions, going back and forth. I don't see where this would be any different. We would just have the people who led this group, who put their recommendations to us or their plan -- -- actually wasn't even recommendations. I guess their plan -- -- and hear from them.

But again that was just -- -- the resolution I think, it's the first draft as Commissioner Scirocco said and the other commissioners. But I just think it's hard to have a one-way conversation where, like, most of the people I think that have probably commented tonight they would probably have changed their comments based on what we just showed them. So I just that -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Well, that's why we added the meeting. We -- --
COMMISSIONER DALTON: I also -- --

MAYOR KELLY: -- -- have the extra

meeting for that.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: I think it's

important for the public to understand as

well that, although I know I was watching

all of these task force meetings happen

and I was following the work that they

were doing, that was not a process that

the city council was meant to be involved

in. That was meant to happen

independently from city council.

So it's not that we're just looking

at these -- -- or for me -- -- I guess I

can only speak for myself. -- --I'm not

looking at these recommendations and

seeing them for the first time. I

followed the task force's work. They

have been going through the

recommendations subcommittee by

subcommittee for quite some time now. So

these are not a surprise at all. I

anticipated what the recommendations were

going to be by following the process, but

this is when the city council is meant to
weigh in. We were not meant to weigh in when the process was under way.

MAYOR KELLY: Any other comments from the council at this time?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. So I think, based on feedback already, we have a chat opened on Zoom. We should probably consider a workshop, and that is a council meeting. And I know Zoom is tough. I mean, it's tough. Like, this just adds to, like, the stress of trying to get city business accomplished, trying to do it from our eight different places, our homes, our offices, our home offices. But if there is some way we can get members of the task force -- -- whether some people voted no and some people voted yes, I think was it a majority vote? I mean, so the document passed. It's been sent on to the city council. If the task force could maybe regroup or -- -- I don't know -- -- do a quick vote and see if the two co-chairs coming before the city council to maybe walk us through their thinking on the document
and maybe we having the ability to ask
them some questions, that might be a
great way to handle our next meeting
included with public comment. But open
to the public, but -- --

COMMISSIONER DALTON: I do just want
to -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- -- I mean,
I guess -- -- I think that's what we're
saying, right? I think -- -- I don't
know.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: I do just want
to point out, though, that all the
recommendations that are in the document
that they produced it notes on there when
they had any dissension. They had
consensus on almost everything that they
put in the recommendations. And when
there wasn't, they put a little asterisk.
And so you know if it was a majority
vote, if everyone voted for the
recommendation or if there were a few
instances where that happened. That's
all noted in the document, so -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: You know
what? I got to tell this John Schroeder (ph.) guy who's making these comments to just stop. It's rude, and it's disrespectful, and this should be turned off.

MAYOR KELLY: (Indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: You don't know me. I read the document twice. I am trying to move this forward and help the public understand how we are going to get to a final document that we're going to vote on. Thank you very much.

And now I will ignore him. But I wish this was a feature we could turn off. We don't accept this kind of comment at public meetings, and we should not be accepting it here now on the public record. We're trying to get on with city business.

However you want to do the second meeting at this point.

Mayor, I was trying to help the public maybe have a workshop. It is not up to us to ask the task force to present. The task force could have
easily said to us, here are the
recommendations and we'd like to present
them to you. We are doing the best that
we can under time constraint.

So let's make the best of it. Let's
engage with the public, I would hope, in
a positive, constructive way and see what
we can do between now and April 1st with
coming up with a final resolution that
the council and the public feels as
comfortable as we can feel moving this
forward. Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: Any other comment?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: There does
seem to be some disconnect between the
end -- -- like, how the task force ended
and now recommendations are being made
and then how it was given to city
council. That transition seemed to be
very unclear, or at least it was unclear
to me. And I certainly wish that we had
had more than a week to sit and read
really in some 200 pages of
recommendations and results. I think it
would have been nice to have a little bit
more time, but I know that we would have liked more time for all of this. But this wasn't the time line that we set up. This was the time line in the EO, and we're doing the best we can, but we are trying to make this a success. And I know how much time and commitment and energy and emotion went into the task force and the work they did over the last seven months, and certainly I know that the council wants to give it the same time, energy, and attention.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Sure we do. But we don't need to be subjected to constant, snarky criticism. I absolutely agree with you, Commissioner Dalton. And this is very important work, and I'm taking it very seriously, as I know the rest of the council is. So -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Thank you, all.

I just want to say that this is -- -- police reform is going to go on after April 1.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That's right.
MAYOR KELLY: Everybody has to understand that, right? So this is a big first step that we're taking here, but it has to go on. We can't possibly reform everything in seven months. It just doesn't work that way. So we have to have a plan going forward, and I think that that's what we're doing with this resolution, that we're going to be working with the commissioner of public safety, working with the chief, to continue on these reforms. It doesn't end April 1, and that's the thing that I have to let the public know that this is going to continue on.

And this is a process. It's a dynamic document that will just -- -- we have to submit something April 1. Okay. That's what we're going for. And then we can continue to work through all of these changes, so that's the gist of where we have to go. So we do have to come up with something. We'll discuss how we want to run the meeting on next Tuesday. If the council wants a workshop, let's do
a workshop. If the council wants the two chairs, I'll talk to the two chairs. So we can work this out.

But I agree with Commissioner Madigan. We all live in the same community. We work really hard here at city hall, and we shouldn't have to take the abuse of anything. We're doing the best that we can do here. So let's all work together as this council has since day one, and we'll bring this home the best we can but to know that police reform has to continue after April 1. It doesn't end.

So with that, are there any other comments from the council?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. Well, I have other comments, but I'm not going to make -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Okay, so -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- -- them tonight.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner. Let's end on that note.

Okay. So thank you. We are going
to move on to my next item on my agenda.  
So I'm going up to discussion and vote,  
annual salary approval for the Saratoga  
Springs Housing Authority. The Saratoga  
Springs Housing Authority will be closing  
out its fiscal year on March 31, 2021.  
Saratoga Springs Housing Authority must  
submit an operating budget for the board  
approval on March 25th for the upcoming  
fiscal year. Staff salary approval is  
needed by the city council for the  
upcoming fiscal year beginning on April  
1, 2021.

I move that the city council approve  
the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority  
staff salaries for 2021 fiscal year.  
This is a motion. Is there a second?  

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.  
MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?  
All those in favor say aye.  
IN UNISON: Aye.  
MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?  
The matter passes.  
My next item is discussion and vote,  
appointment to the Saratoga Springs
Housing Authority. I am reappointing Steve Sullivan for a term effective 4/1/21 expiring on 4/1/26.

I move that the city council approve the appointment of Steve Sullivan to the Housing Authority for the term effective 4/1 expiring on 4/1/26. This is a motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

My next item is an appointment, the Civil Service Commission. I'm appointing Angela Rella to complete a term for (indiscernible) for the term effective 3/16/21 and expires 5/31/24. Angela is an attorney with experience in a wide variety of commercial litigation currently working pro bono to assist clients with family and immigration law issues. She also has degrees in electrical engineering, English
literature, and law. Prior to becoming an attorney, she worked as a civil service employee for New York State Department Taxation and Finance and the New York State Insurance Fund.

I move that the city council approve the appointment of Angela Rella for the Civil Service Commission for the term effective 3/16/21 expiring 5/31/24. This is a motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

My next item is an appointment to the Design Review Commission. I will be reappointing Leslie DeCarlo (ph.) for a term effective 3/16/21 expiring on 6/30/25.

My next item is an appointment to the Design Review Commission as an alternate. I'll be appointing Chuck Caputo to fill a vacant alternate
position, and his term is effective 3/16/21 expiring on 6/30/22. Chuck Caputo spent his career close to thirty years in the human service field. He retired in 2019. He was born and raised in the area and has an educational background in public administration, health care and business administration. He has volunteered for several community groups and has lent a hand to help plan fundraisers, implement new programs, establish systems and write policies and complete strategic plans. He has served on the board of several organizations including Saratoga Pride for the past two years. Most recently he has served on the Police Reform and Reinvention Task Force to help the city comply with the governor's Executive Order 203.

My next appointment is an appointment to the Planning Board, an alternate. I'm appointing Chris Pappia (ph.) to complete the term that was previously Jason Dodi's (ph.). Chris' term is effective 3/16/21 and expires
12/31/21. Chris recently retired after a twenty-one-year career teaching in the public high school. As an educator, he taught various science courses, ran clubs, and other activities with students. In addition to this career, he was an adjunct professor at the Long Island University. Most recently, he has served on the board of Saratoga Pride. Chris has Bachelor of Science in business administration and master's in biology and secondary education.

Number seven is an appointment to the Zoning Board. Tonight I am appointing Emily Aaronson Bergman (ph.) to the term effective 3/16/21 expiring on 12/31/27. Emily was born and raised in Saratoga Springs and is a dedicated community activist, mom, and wife. Emily is a product of Saratoga Springs public schools, and she earned a degree in government from the University of Maryland. Emily served in many senior positions and advised several elected officials and political candidates,
including working as an analyst for a prominent public opinion research firm and managing several federal election compliance for senators and members of Congress a major international law firm in New York and Washington, D.C.

My next item is an announcement, the 2002 Open Space Plan update. The City of Saratoga Springs is proud to announce the long-awaited update to the 2002 Open Space Plan. It has been almost twenty years since the city's last updated Open Space Plan. The revision will build on the previous plan by revising those sections that no longer accurately reflect the character needs and goals of the community. The 2021 Open Space Plan update will establish criteria for the expenditure of bond funds, inventory remaining open spaces, as well as to identify special areas for protection, preservation, conservation, parks in both active and passive recreation.

The Open Space Update Plan is being developed by the city's Administrator of
Parks, Open Space Historic Preservation
and Sustainability, and guided by the
Open Space Plan Steering Committee. The
city staff will facilitate the planning
process with the technical assistance
from MJ Engineering and Land Surveying,
P.C. A dedicated project website has
been created to keep the community
informed of the ongoing process, ongoing
public engagement opportunities, and
provide ongoing information about the
effort. Today the community survey was
launched looking for public input.
Community members and residents and
businesses can participate in the survey
through the link provided on the project
website at
www.saratogaspringsopenspaces.com. The
survey will close on April 16th, 2021.

My next item is an announcement,
Woodlawn/Shelters of Saratoga Building
Update. Shelters of Saratoga has
informed me that the Navigation Center
and Code Blue at Woodlawn are no longer
in effect. Code Blue will be at Adelphi
site only as needed. On March 22nd and 23d, the Woodlawn building will be used as a popup clothing supply to help the homeless with their needs. This will only -- -- this will be the only use until the end of March.

And that concludes my agenda. And I'll turn it over to Commissioner Franck of Accounts.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you, Mayor.

The first item is award of bid, extension of bid for laboratory services to CNA Environmental, LLC. Upon recommendations of the Department of Public Works, I move to extend the bid for laboratory services for CNA Environmental Services, LLC, for an additional year under the same terms, conditions, and prices as originally listed in bid 2020-06. And that's a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: And thank you, Mayor.

Just basically a re-announcement relating to the temporary outdoor seating. At our last meeting on March 2nd, the city council passed a resolution for the temporary outdoor seating to start yesterday March 15th. I would like to again remind all of our local restaurants that, if they have not submitted your paperwork to obtain your permit, please do so as soon as possible. We would like to, especially in the areas of, like, Phila, Henry, et cetera, get all the people who were there last year to get their paperwork. We have sent them emails and phone calls today, and we're reaching out to them. It's easier for D.A. Collins to just do the barriers all at once versus piecemeal, especially on Phila, Caroline, and Henry Street. So
we do again ask all of those restaurants
and pubs and whatever in the area that
had them last year to please get ahold of
us, so we can get the paperwork done and
get that done as soon as possible.

And again, I'd really like to thank
D.A. Collins for helping the city with
the placement of the Jersey barriers.

And that's all I have for this
evening.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
Commissioner.

On to Finance, Commissioner Madigan.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
Mayor.

So the first item on my agenda is an
update, city finances including the
American Rescue Plan and New York State
VLT aid. This is a reoccurring topic,
and tonight I do have some news, and it's
reasonably good news. As you all know by
now, the federal government has delivered
the American Rescue Plan in the amount of
about 1.9 trillion dollars which includes
350 billion for state and local
governments. Based on a report issued by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer which is attached to the agenda but I don't have enough room to bring it up on my screen, along with notes and Zoom. But if you guys do, you can look at that report, and the public can look at the report. This results in a 7.7 million-dollar allocation for the City of Saratoga Springs. The allocation is based on a modified CDBG-type formula as well as the city's classification as a metro city.

I have been in contact with the offices of Senator Schumer and Congressman Tonko to obtain further clarification of the state-wide allocations listed in the attachment. The proportions of some of the allocations are a bit difficult to understand without maybe a better, clear explanation of the formula, and I'm hoping that some answers will be forthcoming soon.

If you look at Leader Schumer's
plan, the one that I attached, you'll see
that Saratoga Springs is receiving
probably the least amount as a metro city
in the entire state. And I'm very
grateful, 7.7 million, and I know they do
this based on sort of average, medium
income and poverty rates. But even last
year when they were looking at the
Community Development Block Grant
modified formula, we were coming out with
significantly more funds. And I would
say the communities around us weren't
quite coming out as high as they're
coming right now. I'm sure we've all
seen the articles where Albany is setting
up committees to figure out how to use
all the money that they're receiving.
They're receiving eighty-five million. I
want to say Troy, forty-five million,
Schenectady, fifty-nine million. In some
cases some of these cities are receiving
more than their counties are receiving.
Glens Falls is receiving maybe -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Well -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- -- forty
What?

Mayor Kelly: We're receiving twelve. I mean, it doesn't -- --

Commissioner Madigan: Something -- -- yes. So we could -- --

Mayor Kelly: Yeah, it has to do with the CDBG, and that's -- -- they just have more people at that poverty line than -- --

Commissioner Madigan: Yeah.

Mayor Kelly: -- -- Saratoga Springs, so that's why they received more.

Commissioner Madigan: Yeah. I know that. I'm just trying to understand the formula better because you know last year, when the Heroes Act passed, we were -- -- and again that was a three-trillion-dollar package. This is a 1.9 trillion. We were at a higher number, fourteen-million, which seems almost spot on, and the communities around us were at not eighty-five, fifty-nine million.

Anyway, so I am looking to understand the
formula better.

The city is no less grateful for this support, and we are sure that there is a reason for the distribution. But I kind of want to know a little more detail, an explanation. Albany -- -- okay, so I do have more details -- -- receives eleven times the amount of Saratoga Springs at 85.28 million to our 7.7 million, while the population is only three and a half times that. But there are other things that come into it other than CDBG modified population. It's poverty and average salary.

So our 2021 budget, just so you know, does -- -- and I've said this before -- -- include five million dollars in federal aid. So we've received about 2.7 more than what we budgeted to make the 2021 budget work.

As we move on to New York State VLT aid, the assembly did sort of vote in support full restoration of the aid, but unfortunately the Senate has not yet. So this is a bit -- -- I've been feeling
very optimistic about it. We are working on that, and we are working on reaching out to the Senate and the Senate Finance Chair and talking to Carrie Woerner and even having her to reach out. She's always invaluable to us when it comes to restoring this aid and also reaching out to Senator Jordan so that we can give this our last push to make sure that VLT aid is fully restored. It's still very positive that the assembly has included in their One-House Bill, but we want to make sure that the Senate includes it, too.

And I think that's about all -- -- oh, city's sales tax. The city did receive its first sales tax distribution for 2021. We're currently running at about negative 9.4 percent over last year, 2020 collection, so we're down about 75,000 dollars in sales tax for January. We'll know more as we -- -- we'll trend better or be able to project better as we know more about what might happen with the race course and Saratoga
Performing Arts Center.

I don't know if anybody has any questions, or if there's anything they're curious about, or anything they want me to look into between now and the next meeting?

MAYOR KELLY: I think going forward I do believe (Indiscernible) and I are both looking to have some kind of spectator. So that's going to bring people to our city so that hopefully we can start opening those two venues up.

The -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That's true. I kind of maybe misspoke a bit. We're already at a certain percentage -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Um hum.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- -- that they can open. Is it ten percent?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And more and more people are getting vaccinated, so -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Right.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- -- that's
extremely helpful. So hopefully we'll see those numbers increase which will be, of course, better for our city revenues.

MAYOR KELLY: Right. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

Item number two is an announcement, department meetings regarding 2021 budget amendments. So as I had stated numerous times during the 2021 budget season, the budget was designed to prepare us for challenges while being amendable as new revenue and expense information is available and maybe some opportunities unfold. So we definitely have some new revenue information coming in. Not a whole lot new on the expense side. We're all trying to manage our expenses at this point and time.

So as previously stated, the city is going to receive the 7.7 million from the federal government, and we're hopeful still that we'll have full restoration of VLT aid, although that is by no means a done deal. So to this extent, I plan to
meet with each of the departments along with the budget director and the director of finance as needed and my deputy to discuss budget difficulties that departments are having right now and look at a few priorities so that we can evaluate what we might be able to do with the 7.7 million dollars.

We do need to prepare for those raises that are going to come for all our city employees at the end of December. That was one of the things that we did commit to them in the resolution, so we'll cost that out. And then, of course, we go into 2022 raises the next day. So we're going to have raises on December 31st and on January 1, so we'll cost that out. We included five million dollars, but it seems like it's time. I know we really drastically cut expenses. There may be a few things that we're able to do for each of the departments, so we'll be reaching out to have those meetings.

And I look forward with them, to be
honest with you. It's time to do -- --

it's been kind of a really stressful 2020

and even 2021. Maybe we can start to do

some better relationship building here as

news improves and vaccines are being

rolled out to the public. That's all

very positive.

Item number three is to set a public

hearing for the New York State Power

Authority Energy Services Program for the

Master Recover Agreement for Streets

Lights, project number 1277.

And I think maybe five minutes, if

that's appropriate with the clerk?

MS. RIBIS: We can do 6:55 on April

6th.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you

very much.

MS. RIBIS: Sure.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: This is

another program that will bring Saratoga

Springs accolades on the smart city,

especially if we can have this merge in

with our fiber project. We'll have great

infrastructure out there, and also it's a
good one for the environment, converting
our lights over to LED. So more
information on that at our next city
council meeting.

    Thank you, Mayor. That completes my
agenda.

    MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
Commissioner.

    On to Public Works, Commissioner
Scirocco.

    COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,
Mayor.

    First item on my agenda is a
discussion and vote. This is
authorization for the mayor to sign a
contract with Morbark, LLC, for the
Morbark Hog Tub Grinder. The Department
of Public Works is happy to announce the
purchase of a new Morbark 3400X
Horizontal Grinder to be delivered the
summer of 2021. As you know, the
Department of Public Works offers
curbside leaf and lawn debris pickup for
the residents of Saratoga Springs. This
service begins in early spring and does
not stop until the first snowfall. This
is not only beneficial for the residents
but also the environment. The leaf and
lawn debris is picked up throughout the
city and transported to our DPW Weibel
Avenue facility where it is then created
into compost and obviously sold back to
the residents or whoever wants to
purchase it.

With the purchase of the Morbark
3400X Horizontal Grinder, the Department
of Public Works will still provide leaf
and lawn pickup for many years to come.
And I can tell you the old tub grinder I
believe is over twenty years old, and
it's pretty much on its last leg out
there.

And I want to thank the city council
and Finance in particular for sitting
down with us and working with us to
actually make this happen. It was
a -- -- it was a pretty good-sized
purchase, and I just want to thank the
council and everybody who got on board
with this. So I'll make -- --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign a contract with Morbark, LLC, for a Morbark Wood Hog Tub Grinder and at a cost $564,182.50, and funding is in the 2021 capital program. And I put that in the form of a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. This was needed and, I'm sorry, a long time coming. Talk about a time for such a piece of expensive equipment to just sort of go on you. But we do make some revenue off our compost, and this is a service our residents expect, and I'm glad that we're able to move forward on it now. So -- --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- -- thanks for being patient, Commissioner Scirocco.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.
You're welcome. Thanks. Thank you.

Thank everybody.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second item on my agenda is discussion and vote, authorization for the mayor to sign an intermunicipal agreement between the County of Saratoga and the City of Saratoga for the management of single-stream recyclables collection. This is an intermunicipal agreement between the city and Saratoga County. The city agrees to assume responsibility for the management of the collection of single-stream recyclables at the county's recycling center on Weibel Avenue. For the city's onsite management and oversight of collection and removal of recycle materials and scrap metal, Saratoga County will pay 35,000 dollars yearly to the city.
Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign the intermunicipal recycling agreement between the County of Saratoga and City of Saratoga Springs for the management of single-stream recyclables collection. And I put that in the form of a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Third item on my agenda is discussion and vote. This is approval to pay invoice number 014338 to SRI Fire Sprinkler, LLC, in the amount of $5,093.12 for sprinkler inspection. DPW had a contract with SRI to perform quarterly sprinkler inspections in city buildings in 2020. As a new vendor, SRI made a mistake of believing that they could perform a total number of quarterly inspections
regardless of the year they were performed in and provided some inspections in 2021 without a new contract or a PO in place. One of these inspections was at the request of Risk and Safety for the inspection of city hall for the insurance renewal. DPW is working with SRI to provide new quotes and have a PO in place for 2021.

Therefore, I move for approval to pay invoice number 014338 to SRI Fire Sprinkler, LLC, in the amount of $5,093.12 for sprinkler inspection. And I put that in the form of a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
All those in favor say aye.
IN UNISON: Aye.
MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Fourth item on my agenda is discussion and vote. This is the authorization for the mayor to sign a contract with DEC for phase one
street tree inventory and Urban Forest
Management Plant Grant award. This is a
contract between the City of Saratoga
Springs and the New York State DEC for
the Urban Forestry Grant. The New York
State Master Contract for Grants includes
the grant contract requirements which
must be achieved by the city in order to
fulfill and receive funding from the DEC.
The work plan section of the contract
defines the contract requirements, which
includes objectives and tasks and
performs measures. The objectives
include performing and developing the
street tree inventory and management
plan, duties of the partner on the
project, which is sustained by Saratoga
to be performed, outreach and educational
efforts, and long-term support
initiatives. The MCG also outlines the
terms and conditions, payments and
reporting process, and additional
contractor obligations, representatives
and warrantees. The MCG receives
approval from the New York State
Comptroller's contract submission system.
And that was on 3/3/21.
Therefore, I move for the mayor to
sign a contract with the DEC for phase
one, street tree inventory and Urban
Forest Management Plan Grant award. And
I put that in the form of a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Again this
was for that 50,000-dollar grant that we
got to actually do an inventory of trees
in the city, so -- --

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a match to
that, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: No match,
no.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay.
All those in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Awesome.

Terrific.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The fifth item on my agenda is discussion and vote, authorization for the mayor to sign a contract with Pallette Stone for asphalt/concrete. This contract with Pallette Stone is a piggyback contract off the Saratoga County for asphalt/concrete in the amount not to exceed bid proposal unit price. The Saratoga County bid package has been previously distributed with the agenda. Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign a contract with Pallette Stone for asphalt/concrete. And I put that in form of a motion.

    MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

    COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

    MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

    All those in favor say aye.

    IN UNISON: Aye.

    MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

    The matter passes.

    COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Sixth item on my agenda is authorization for the mayor to sign a contract with Pallette
Stone Corp. for crushed stone. This contract with Pallette Stone is a piggyback off the Saratoga County for crushed stone in the amount not to exceed the bid proposal unit price. Saratoga County bid package has been previously distributed with the agenda.

Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign a contract with Pallette Stone Corp. for crushed stone. And I put that in the form of a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.
MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
All those in favor say aye.
IN UNISON: Aye.
MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
The matter passes.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Seventh item on my agenda is discussion and vote. This is approval to adopt the 2021 water and sewer rate resolution. The water resolution for 2021 includes no charges from the 2020 resolution. There are no rate or fee increases for water customers.
Sewer resolution -- as a reminder of what was discussed earlier at the public hearing, the water rates will be unchanged from 2020 to 2021. For the sewer resolution, there will be a four-dollar increase in the basic service charge due to the significant increases from the County Sewer District.

Therefore, I move for the approval to adopt the 2021 water and sewer rate resolution. And I put that in the form of a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The eight item on agenda is appointment to the Climate Smart Task force. Tonight I'm going to appoint Ben Foster. Ben is the president of Fosterra, LLC, delivers
green energy and clean transportation leadership to commercial government, education, and utility sectors. He's a champion for programs that have a positive impact on the environment and create robust outcomes for buyers, investors, and the clean energy market at large. Mr. Foster has worked on projects in over 500 jurisdictions across the United States and in China at various stages of development from planning to operations.

As an industry leader, Ben has managed over a dozen regional collaborative efforts to improve best practices and deploy them domestically and internationally through to federally funded projects, industry, white papers, technical reports, best practice guides, and hands-on technical assistance and training. I think Ben will be a good addition to the Climate Smart Task Force.

MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And I'd like
to add -- -- I'd like to add one item to my agenda.

MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And this is an announcement: flushing water distribution system.

MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum. Is that a motion?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, I make that as a motion, yes.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

Go ahead, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you.

This is an announcement for the city's flushing of the water distribution system. And I would just like to let the residents know that beginning on Monday, March 22nd, the Department of Public Works will begin flushing the water
distribution system.

To deliver the highest quality of water for residents of Saratoga Springs, the water distribution system is flushed during springtime and once again in the fall. When flushing the distribution system, our DPW employees also take the opportunity for routine maintenance and service of the fire hydrants that are throughout the city. Again if you notice some discoloration of your tap water, simply run the cold tap until the water clears. For any residents that may have a question, don't hesitate to call the Department of Public Works dispatch at (518) 584-3356. That's (518) 584-3356.

And I believe when I talked to my deputy today I believe we're going to be doing -- -- we're going to be starting on the east side and working to the outskirts of the city. We did put the message board over here on Lake Avenue, so I think residents will see that. Also there's going to be some signage throughout the city as we progress into
the other elsewhere to the city. Again, it's part of the maintenance of the water distribution system to clean those pipes. It flushes it out, and it cleans them out. It makes them -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Makes them clean.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Good quality water. Let's put it that way.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Great. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: But I did want to -- -- I did want to say we do have, like -- -- we have lots of -- -- we have lots of message boards now, too, so -- --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Well, we do have them.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. And so we've already spread those out throughout the city. So -- --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Right. I think we're going to -- -- I think we're going to use a couple of those.

MAYOR KELLY: I did see the one out
there today, Commissioner. It looks -- --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, they stuck it out there today. Yeah. Yeah.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Anything else, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: No, that's it. Nope.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.

Over to Public Safety, Commissioner Dalton.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you, Mayor.

The first item on my agenda is a COVID-19 update, relatively brief update. Our numbers are running low, which is good. They are continuing to go down. We have 2.2 percent positivity rate. There are 229 active cases in Saratoga County. In the City of Saratoga Springs, we have thirty-eight active COVID cases. In the county I believe there are fourteen people total hospitalized. But I just want to remind everybody that -- -- just to give it some
context -- -- these were the numbers approximately that we had around this time last time in April and May when we were being so, so careful. And so I just wanted to remind all of us, even though we don't want to hear it, we've got to keep being safe. You have to keep following all the safety protocols while we allow for these vaccinations to continue. We know how quickly this can go from kind of decent to bad. It happens in a -- -- it happens in a hot minute. So everyone just needs to keep making the right choices and getting vaccines as soon as they're eligible and available to them.

In terms of vaccination distribution, Supervisor Gaston is going to give us kind of an overview of what's going on there, so I'm going to leave that for her. And then I'm going to go on to the second item on my agenda, unless anyone has any questions. No? Good.

Okay. Second item is a discussion
and vote to accept a donation. This is a donation for the fire department in the amount of twenty-five dollars from Marjorie and Jerry Ryan (ph.) in memory of Deloris Walker (ph.)

I make a motion for council approval to accept the donation to the fire department in the amount of twenty-five dollars with great thanks and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan. Thank you. This is a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
All those in favor say aye.
IN UNISON: Aye.
MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
The matter passes.
COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

The third item on my agenda is an announcement, the Public Safety annual 2020 -- the Public Safety annual 2020 report. I just wanted the public to know that the 2020 Public Safety Department annual report has been sent to the mayor
and to the city council and provided to
the city clerk's office as required by
the charter. I've also asked the IT
Department to put it up on the city's
website. So that will be up for everyone
to peruse. It gives a really
comprehensive overview of the entire
department, police, fire, code,
everything. So I encourage the public to
look at it.

And I want to thank both the chiefs,
Chief Dolan and Chief Crooks, for all the
time and hard work they put into doing
that. It's a really helpful public tool
for people to have and kind of see where
the department's at this year.

Then the last item on my agenda is a
discussion and vote, increase school
crossing guard hourly rates. I'd like to
increase the school crossing guards'
hourly rate to fifteen dollars per hour.
Currently they're at nine dollars per
hour, and the last hourly wage increase
was on December 15th, 2015. This is not
an easy job or a fun job, people standing
in the street in the snow, in the wind,
in the rain, directing traffic, directing
a lot of people who want to get to where
they're going and also, though, provides
a critical layer of safety for our kids
who are trying to get to school in the
morning and leave in the afternoon. So I
think it is really about time that we
please pay them a little more than nine
dollars an hour if we want to retain the
crossing guards.

So I make a motion for council
approval to increase the school crossing
guard hourly rate to fifteen dollars an
hour. This is a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.
MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I think thank
you for bringing it forward. It's a
reasonable rate for the work that they
do, and we should be paying minimum wage.
And I know we've done work in other
departments to bring some of the salaries
up, part-time salaries to minimum wage,
too, so it's about time we have
everything on an equal paring. So
thanks, Commissioner.

    MAYOR KELLY: So may I ask,
Commissioner? I can't hear -- -- I tried
twice. What is the new rate?

    COMMISSIONER DALTON: Fifteen
dollars an hour.

    MAYOR KELLY: Michele, can you say
that -- -- Commissioner Madigan, can you
say that? I can't hear it when she says
it.

    COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. So in
the resolution, I believe he did state
it. It will be fifteen dollars an hour.

    MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Fifteen.

    COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Fifteen.

Yeah.

    MAYOR KELLY: 1-5. Okay. Thank
you.

    COMMISSIONER DALTON: 1-5.

    MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. For some
reason, I can't get that. So that's
fine.

    All those in favor say aye.
IN UNISON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you all so much, and that concludes my agenda.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

On to the supervisors, Supervisor Veitch.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Thank you, Mayor. Good evening.

My first item on my agenda is to go over the Government Review and Efficiency Committee for an update. That committee has now met for the third time this year, and its goal is to review the county's policies, procedures, local laws, and code to try to see if we can bring some things up to date and make our government work a little bit better and more efficient.

At the last meeting in March, we did three main things, and the first one was to set up a subcommittee to review the ethics code and the ethics review for the county. We found out that the last time
it appears that the ethics code or review
was looked at at Saratoga County was
probably around 1990 or so, so we really
need to update that. A lot of things
have changed since then. And so I am
going to lead a subcommittee with myself
and two other supervisors to review that
policy, procedures, and the state law
that we need to abide by for our ethics
code. So that's the first item.

The second thing that we're going to
look at is records management. We have
had lots of discussions at our meetings
about records management. There is a
fair amount of state law and regulation
on how we are to manage our records, and
we adopt the state laws as they come over
that we would be abiding by those. We
seem to do a little bit with records
management, but we don't really have a
really good, comprehensive records
management plan or policy. And so
departments do their own thing, and
there's things that are kind of stashed
in certain places. And I've heard a lot
of different stories, and they're not all
great about what we do with records
management. So there's a lot of issues
on that. I appointed a subcommittee on
this as well out of my committee which is
going to be led by Gene Raymond (ph.)
from the town of Edinburg. I believe
Supervisor Gaston is also on that
subcommittee as well.

One of the things I'd like to do
potentially is talk to you, Commissioner
Franck, and your department as to how the
city is dealing with records management
because we certainly need your help -- --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah, we -- --

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- -- and we'd
appreciate learning a little bit about
how the city does what they do. I know
you've gotten a lot of grants and things
in your department -- --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah. Nancy
Wagner has been working with both of us
in Finance, and she would be the key lead
to this. We'd be more than happy to set
you up with her.
SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Okay. I will reach out. I appreciate your assistance. Thank you.

The third subcommittee we're going to do is on our budget -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Sorry. I'm sorry. I was muted, Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Oh.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I wanted to just say while I had the opportunity that Nancy truly is very good, an expert in records management. So even if just a conversation with her is going to -- --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- -- educate you on all things records management. So it's good that we have a resource like that here in the city.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yeah. No, I appreciate that. And any time I've ever asked her for any records from the city, I mean -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- -- she's always responded very quickly, got me
what I needed. So I appreciate what she
does, and I'm glad hopefully -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I

wouldn't -- --

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- -- we can sit
down and talk.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- -- mind
meeting with you when you meet with Nancy
if you don't mind.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Sure. Sure.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I would like
to be -- -- it's just, as a librarian in
my background and records management,
like, I actually enjoy these projects
that I get to work on with Nancy.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Sure. Not a
problem at all. So it will be good to
learn a little bit about what the city
does and -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- -- I know you
guys do a good job, so thank you for that
help.

And again, third on our government
review is going to look at the budget
process. We're going to review all of our policy, our local laws, and procedures relating to the budget.

Jonathan Shaw (ph.) from the Town of Clifton Park was appointed the chair of that committee as he is the chair of the law and finance committee. Just makes sense as his committee handles the budget. And we're going to continue reviewing our local laws. I'm taking that on and looking at our county code and trying to keep that up to date and maintain and see where we need to make changes. So a lot of work to continue, and I'll keep people posted as we go forward.

Second on my agenda is just a quick review of the 2021 Legislative Program. The county adopted its 2021 Legislative Program today at our board meeting and just a couple of highlights out of that. We do a state and a federal legislative program. So from the state level, a couple things is ending mandatory sales tax diversion for state purposes. It
appears as though they aim funding -- -- aid to municipalities is withheld from county sales tax disbursements to make those payments, and we would like the state not to do that any longer. Second is, of course, restoring our VLT aid. So we have that on there as well.

And thank you, Commissioner Madigan, for reporting on that.

Enacting a no-new-unfunded mandates legislation, which is kind of on our agenda every year. We want the state to help fund us with their unfunded mandates.

Supporting enhancements for the New York State Historic Tax Credit.

Restoring funding for Veterans Peer to Peer Program. That's one of the things that our county does for our veterans, and it appears as though that funding has been at risk since last year. So we'd like the state to continue to fund the Peer to Peer Program.

And last on the federal side, really the main one is supporting the Federal
Broadband Infrastructure Expansion
Funding, which is on both the national
county platform as well as the state
level. So hopefully we can get some more
progress on that as well.

So we voted on that today, and
normally we would meet with our state
legislators after we vote on this, but
this year I don't believe that's going to
happen due to the pandemic. So just we
have that resolution out there, and we'll
communicate it accordingly.

Third on the agenda is just a quick
update from Buildings and Grounds. Just
wanted to note that we passed a
resolution again today extending our
lease with the Gateway House of Peace in
the Town of Milton for another five years
with an option for another five-year
renewal. That's just a continuing
resolution from the last ten years. They
provide great services for end of life,
and we're glad that we're able to
continue that arrangement with the
Gateway House.
Fourth on my agenda is quick update on the NACo Virtual Legislative Conference. Normally this time of year, we're actually in Washington, D.C., and sometimes we don't make our first meeting in the month of March due to us being there for our NACo Conference and meeting with our legislators. But this year we're doing it all virtually, of course.

Just of note on March 8th, the Community Economic and Work Force Development Committee met which I serve on, and again our main goals there are continuing to advocate for improved and enhanced CDBG funding through HUD, work force and affordable housing funding, expanding the eviction moratorium due to COVID. And we had speakers from the U.S. Department of Labor, Community Development Block Grants, and several congressional staff, like, gave our committee an update.

I also serve on the IT Standing Committee. I was not able to make that meeting due to other commitments, but our conference lasts for a couple of weeks.
now, so we'll have a few online things that are going on. It's not over yet, so maybe there'll be another report at the next meeting. But again, glad to be serving on NACo and working toward these goals on the Community Economic and Work Force Development.

And I do want to just make one addition tonight. At the last meeting, I had mentioned that the county was considering a veterans funding program. It actually wasn't on the agenda when we started, so I didn't have it on my agenda for tonight, but we added it later on in our meeting. We did approve 52,500 dollars in total funding at the county for veterans support to the communities. The maximum amount each community can receive is 2,500 dollars, and it can be on any item that honors veterans throughout the year. It is a matching program, so you do have to spend the money to get the money. But we will -- -- you have to work through our Veterans Services Offices, and since we
just passed it kind of at last minute
today, I don't have a lot of details
about how you get the money.

But at the end of the day I'll work
with your office, Mayor, and see if we
can get something for you.

MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you
(indiscernible) -- --

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: And that's it.

MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Thank you.

Thank you.

Supervisor Gaston.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Thank you.

The first item on my agenda is a
COVID-19 update, which Commissioner
Dalton covered most of the numbers. I
would just reiterate while our numbers
are looking good, unfortunately we're
seeing a significantly higher rate of
transmission through social and small
gathering events than we were for a
little bit. So it's important to keep in
mind that when we're engaging with
individuals in our community or in our
household, we need to continue to follow
the guidance as appropriate to make sure
that we're reducing that transmission
rate as much as possible. We're doing
much better, but we've got to keep it up
for a little bit longer.

Today at the board meeting, we did
approve a major contract with the DiRAD
Call Center. It's located in Clifton
Park. They've been doing some of our
incoming calls and registrations to the
vaccine interest line, and Commissioner
Kuhles and his staff have been doing
random spot checks, are very pleased with
the work that they're doing. We're
pleased to be supporting a Saratoga
County Business at this time. And we
have expanded that so that they will also
be doing some of our outbound appointment
registration calls. This will free up
our public health staff to be more in the
community and do some of the other work
in the building as opposed to making
calls. So we appreciate -- -- that came
up in very short order, and they've done
a lot of work to adjust with our needs as
well.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:

(Indiscernible) -- --

SUPERVISOR GASTON: At this -- --

Yes?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Before you go
on -- -- I don't know when you're going
to go on to your item two -- -- I did
want to interact with you on the COVID-19
update.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Okay. I have
just a little bit more, and then will
that be okay?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes. I
apologize. I didn't know if you were
going on or not going on. It was a
little awkward. Sorry.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: No problem.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: All right.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: So at this time,
about 63,000 Saratoga County residents
have received at least one dose of the
COVID-19 vaccine. 33,000 have completed
the series. We use the phrase "completed
the series" now because we have two two-
shot series and one that just requires one. We are not getting a lot of Johnson & Johnson in Saratoga County at least through the county itself. And when we are getting it, we are primarily focusing those doses on individuals who are homebound or who are at significant risk of not returning for a second dose. A lot of that would be individuals in shelters either because they are currently unhoused or domestic violence, et cetera.

Our vaccine allocation continues to be extremely limited from New York State. Your description of the funding disparity from Albany to Saratoga Springs, those numbers remind me a lot of the difference in vaccine disparity between Albany and Saratoga Springs. Our population is not significantly lower than Albany County. Our essential worker, senior, and other populations are also not lower and, in fact, are higher as a percentage of our community. But we are not receiving the same number of vaccines, and that
continues to be a problem.

As a result of this, all of the vaccines that we are distributing go through the interest list. This is true whether they are in a popup, whether they're delivered by EMS, or whether they're at the Public Safety Building. The only exceptions to that are when we're provided on occasion doses through the state that are required to use for certain populations. For instance, we've been given a set of doses that we are required to keep on standby for nursing homes. We get doses that are required to be passed through to OPWED facilities and the like.

We continue to advocate on a relatively frequent basis -- both myself, the Commissioner with the OH, and our county administrator and chairperson with the state -- to request more vaccines. Although it's less request and more demand I think at this point. Supervisor Veitch can affirm that today I actually had to run out in the middle of
the board meeting because I got a phone call from the Executive Chamber, and I am terrified of missing out on the opportunity to get any additional vaccines in our community. So I ran from our board meeting in order to get that. Unfortunately, it wasn't a significant increase, but that's what we have.

We do continue to meet. I have also formally requested through Foil and through formal government processes both the formula that is being used by the Governor's Office and Larry Schwartz who is the volunteer in charge of this to determine how distribution is being made. We are being told it is being made per population and per a particular group. That does not seem to be the case to me. And I want to know also where the vaccines are coming into our county from other areas. We're hearing information about them coming in through pharmacies and other locations. And we don't want to duplicate efforts. If there are populations already being reached by
certain populations, that frees up Public
Health to go into other areas with the
few vaccines that we do have.

Again, all individuals regardless as
to their eligibility category are
requested to sign up at
SaratogaCountyNY.gov/vax, V-A-X. You can
also sign up by calling (518) 693-1075.
That is our official registration call
center with DiRAD. All of those go
directly into the same interest list.
And what we do is we sort by eligibility
category. So if we receive doses, like
200 doses for a certain population, we
can pull the names that are eligible
under that category.

What that means is it's really
important -- -- if you've already
registered and you're now eligible under
a new category, we would ask that you go
back in and re-register. We will remove
duplicates, as necessary. But if you've
already registered let's say because you
have a comorbidity and now you are
registered -- -- or now you are eligible
because you're a public-facing employee, go ahead and submit it. Include all the registrations, not just the new one, and we will remove the older entry. And that way if we get a certain allocation, a specific set of doses, we can pull from any of those categories and you will be eligible for as many as possible.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Can I ask a quick question about that? Sorry. And I should know this, but just to clarify because some people have asked me. Can you put yourself on that list only when you're eligible, or can anyone sign up on that list even if they're not in an eligible category yet?

SUPERVISOR GASTON: At this time, they need to be in an eligible category.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay, cool. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: All of the eligibilities have been listed on the webpage. When you go to the registration form, any current eligibility is there. If you believe that you are eligible and
that status is not listed there, please reach out to me or any of the commissioners. The mayor can reach out to me and let me know. We have tried to adjust it as needed to make sure that everyone could register.

The one last note, and then Commissioner Madigan or any other questions. We are also, Commissioner Kuhles and I, have been meeting with our local facilities, our businesses, and our sites including NYRA, SPAC, a lot of our wedding venues, et cetera, to both answer their questions with regards to some of the guidance that's coming out from the state before reopening. We want to make sure that we provide them with the best guidance that we can and supporting and also advocating where there are questions or going to be barriers for their being able to support these events because obviously they are integral to our economy.

Okay. Commissioner Madigan.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I don't
know if you're the right person to send these emails. I know I've been sending you emails, and I know our Risk and Safety Director Marilyn Rivers have been sending you emails. How does a pod get formed? I just texted you an article. You probably haven't had a chance to see it but from Reuters that says that U.S. employers with large workforce and locations that have enough space to maintain social distancing can consider setting up temporary vaccination clinics at the work place, says the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as of Tuesday.

It seems like now that government workers have become a population base that is now eligible for the vaccine. It would be really helpful, whether it's set up at the county or at city hall, in the music hall, or at the city center -- -- I don't know where -- -- like, a pod for them. It would really reduce all our employees. I mean, maybe it's throughout the entire county, right? There's plenty
of government employees, the time off,
the travel maybe to a Plattsburgh or a
Utica or Potsdam or spending time trying
to find one at a pharmacy. The problem
with the pharmacies is, even if these
other uses are -- -- you have to be sixty
years old I believe -- --

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Um-hum.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Is it still
sixty years old or -- --

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Correct. Any
vaccinator in the state accepting
pharmacies are open to all eligibilities.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Right.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Pharmacies are
still limited to sixty and above, yes.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Sixty and
above. So there's just so much confusion
as to where you can go and where you can
get your vaccine. Seems like we've got a
population base big enough in some manner
that it would be great to get a pod. But
I don't know if you're the right person
to talk to about this, or if I can help
you advocate for us getting a pod, if
that's what we want to call them, or a popup to do government employee vaccinations.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: So there are approximately 5,000 individuals that are classified as public-facing workers in -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Our county.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- -- in Saratoga County as a whole. We are not getting 5,000 doses a month -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Right.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- -- much less a week. I will say that I did email the council both the information from Commissioner Kuhles regarding eligibility, how to sign up. Every public-facing government worker that has registered in the vaccine interest list at least as of this afternoon when I left the county has been scheduled for a vaccine this week.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Great.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: So we're not getting a lot of dose, and I say that and
now 3,000 more are going to register. So I recognize it might take a minute, but -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- -- we are working very quickly. And obviously there are categories that are highest priority -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Right.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- -- our seniors, particularly those with comorbidities are our highest priority for vaccination because their highest risk of comorbidities -- -- sorry, mortalities or comorbidities. That said, about seventy percent of our senior population has already received at least one dose. So we're getting that done. So we're working on the list. The commissioner is working very hard to pull those as we have doses available. But again, one it requires us to have the doses, but we are doing a pod at the end of this week that includes public-facing workers that have already registered on
the interest list.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: If you haven't already, I strongly recommend it. I sent the email in a template letter. Depending on the location, they may require different proof of eligibility. However, the commissioner has indicated that -- -- the guidance he's received is in a letter from an elected official, department official, indicating that a person works for them -- --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- -- should be sufficient in almost every circumstance. And if you find out that it's not, please reach out because we want to make sure to get that assistance.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Sure. Can I maybe offline take this up with you about -- -- you said there's a pod or a popup coming up Friday, this week, for government, but they need to register. Right? I want to be able to maybe communicate that to some of my public-
SUPERVISOR GASTON: Every pod, every distribution we do through the county is done off of the vaccine interest list.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Got you.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: There are no -- there are no popups or pods that people can walk up to.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Got you.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: If there are -- I don't like the term but I'll say extra doses is what a lot of people hear at the end of distribution. Those go to the next people on the list in that category. No one should be wandering around offering doses. And if they are, I would like to know about that because they've been strictly directed not to.

But the goal is to keep it there. It provides equity across -- anyone who signs up has equal access to it, but it also allows us to keep that information, and it allows us to present it in a way to the state. Because when we say this is the number of our
population that's not getting reached,
that's a much stronger argument for us to
make if we have that number that we can
present to DOH and the Executive Chamber
that we need to protect. So -- --

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay. I just
think one quick clarification because I
think it's one of the places of
confusion. Just it happens again and
again. When you are eligible, the
eligibility group just because you're
eligible doesn't mean they have the
vaccine waiting for them. And so that is
really, like, to me sums up the whole
problem. And getting that out there and
managing the expectations every time
there's a new round of eligibility has
been such a challenge. Because you think
when you're eligible, there's a vaccine
waiting for you, and there just isn't.

So that, and then I had one question
for you, which is, the Johnson & Johnson
vaccine, I know a lot of people request
that and want me to help them find it.

Primarily from what I understand, it's
really just for convenience. Are there
any preexisting conditions or anything
medically that would force you to only be
able to get the Johnson & Johnson
vaccine? Because my understanding is
there are not. Any of the vaccines, you
could get any.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: I will say I am
not going to give you a solid answer to
that because I do not have the
qualifications to do so and I would not
want to -- -- I would not want to make
such a statement. The information I have
is the protection and the impact of the
vaccine is very similar/identical.
Obviously, Johnson & Johnson is a
different type of vaccine, but that's a
different nerd discussion. The -- --

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Tell me the
guidelines -- --

SUPERVISOR GASTON: There are
some -- -- there are some individuals,
especially if they recovered from COVID,
they may be advised to only receive one
dose of vaccine. To my knowledge,
whether it's Johnson & Johnson or
something else, doesn't matter. In the
end, the protection's going to be the
same. From a lay standard, the antibody
response, the immune response, is going
to be the same.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

(Indiscernible) on the guidelines of how
we're administering these vaccines.
There's nothing in the guidelines from
the state that says we should only be
giving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to
this certain group.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: The guidance
from the state indicates that Johnson &
Johnson should be prioritized for
communities that are less likely to be
able to receive the second shot or -- --

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Right.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- -- where
there are significant barriers or
logistical issues, such as if they are
homebound, homeless, live in shelters. A
lot of our EMS is using them when they're
going out to individual's homes because,
obviously, the logistics of doing that again prevent them from being used in other capacities. So that is where the priority has been thus far. We are still getting very limited amounts of Johnson & Johnson in Saratoga County, like very small. So that'll become I think more of an issue later. I do understand that some pharmacies on occasion have Johnson & Johnson. So if someone is specifically looking for it, those are probably the best places to get them.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Now in terms of a state site, the only site that I know of is the (indiscernible). So people who want to go on the state website and look for an appointment there to get the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. But thank you for that clarification. I appreciate it.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Any other questions on that end?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: No. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Okay. Great.
The second item on my agenda is regarding the Executive Order 203 report.

The board of supervisors did pass today at our board meeting a resolution accepting unmodified the recommendations of the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group as they were submitted in January. I'd previously suggested amendments to it to be part of the consider -- -- excuse me.

That is soda, not COVID. Oof.

Previously requested amendments. A lot of the language is unlike even the city's 203 report, which provides direction and makes plans. Unfortunately, the 203 report uses a lot of phrases such as, suggest that you consider or encourage someone looking into something. I think that that does not meet the intent. Obviously, the state has to determine whether we meet -- -- what the order was, but I just don't think that that meets the intent of it.

And so I did vote no based on that,
although I do think many of the
recommendations that were included even
when wrapped in much softer
language -- -- there was noting a
collection of demographic data which was
mentioned tonight, training in bias and
de-escalation which there is currently
none in the county nor the collection of
demographic data as well as body and
vehicle cameras which is something that I
know was looked at at the county
previously. Obviously in our fiscal
situation, I don't expect us to go out
tomorrow and equip all of our vehicles
and deputies with cameras. However, I
did expect us to develop a time line or
plan for looking at this and determining
how it could be implemented, and that is
not a part of our -- -- not a part of the
report that was passed today.

I will say I did appreciate the
inclusion in the report, a recommendation
of increased mental health service
response in lieu of deputies where it's
appropriate, as well as mental health
support for the sheriff's department which I think is beneficial both for the community. They can work through things as they see them or are experiencing them. But as someone who grew up in a law enforcement family, I know that that can be helpful in a lot of respects. But unfortunately, the way that the language was so vague and nondirective, I could not in good conscience vote for it. However, it did pass generally.

The third item on my agenda is a local law regarding third-party food delivery service fees. Supervisor Veitch and myself sat on the committee where this was brought up, and we received many comments from businesses and associations supporting businesses in Saratoga Springs and throughout the county. This would, only during declared emergencies and for the ninety days after, cap third-party food service delivery fees charged to food establishments. It would cap at fifteen percent for delivery fees and no more than five percent for any other fees
often referred to as marketing fees. The local law also indicates that they may not reduce wages or garnish tips in order to comply with the law.

I think this is really helpful, especially I know a lot of our restaurants they've seen the charges go up as they are working to stay alive and stay in business during COVID. And I was happy to support this at both the committee and the board level today.

The fourth item on my agenda, as Supervisor Veitch said, it's NACo Conference month now I guess. Normally, it's just a week. I have been to the GO information specialist -- -- GIS, I think I just messed up that acronym. Apologies. The GIS Committee and the Energy Environment and Land Use Committees. I sit on both of those committees, as well as the Resilient Counties Committee.

Recently, the things that I am most proud of and I think most beneficial to Saratoga County and Saratoga Springs
itself that have worked through that process is support for a national historical sites program. It's run by the National Park Service, but this will standardize the application and support process. Given Saratoga Springs and Saratoga County is the location of so much of our American history, I think this is a good way to perhaps support our community, be listed in the National Park Service, and bring some individuals back to our community to check that out.

Additionally, I was a very proud supporter of a resolution through the Energy Environment and Land Use Committee which supports legislation at the federal level right now for the development of an equity map. One of the things that we have learned in COVID and that we've talked about right here with vaccines and with the Rescue Plan money is that disparities are not often as visible as one might think. And a lot of that data resides at the federal level. So this legislation that requires an equity map
and a screening tool would be available in short order, and it would provide all of that data and documentation to local governments and county governments to help support what we're doing in moving forward. But it would also support things like, if there are emergency fund distributions, vaccine and testing distributions, education funding, public works dollars.

I saw, Commissioner Scirocco.

It would support the distribution of that to make sure that it's really being allocated where it most needs to be. And I think that would support a lot of our arguments as we're advocating on both the state and the federal level. This would not cost local governments any money. It's all at the federal level. It really just requires them to collect and pass down that data.

So the last thing is in Resilient Counties we discussed a program sharing resources and experiences, both responding to COVID but also other
emergencies because a lot of the times counties and cities and other forms of government are out on their own in responding to this. And having a best practices resource would be helpful. There are a lot of things the city has done the county could take to heart, and other locations -- -- having those all-in-one locations so that every time we're not reinventing the wheel would be extremely helpful.

And that concludes my agenda.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Supervisor.

Any other business from the council?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR KELLY: Then we are adjourned.

Thank you and good night.

(Meeting adjourned)
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