March 29, 2021

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
5:00 PM
(via Zoom)

7:00 PM
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
SALUTE TO FLAG
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES
CONSENT AGENDA
1. Budget Transfers – Regular

MAYOR’S DEPARTMENT
1. Presentation: Community Development Citizen’s Advisory Committee 2021 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan Recommendations
2. Set Public Hearing: 2021 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan Recommendations for April 20, 2021
3. Set Public Hearing: Amend Capital Budget for the Geyser Road Trail
4. Discussion and Vote: Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Contract Extension to the NYSEERDA Grant – Partially Funding the Unified Development Ordinance Project
5. Discussion and Vote: Request for a 60 Day Extension Stewart’s Marion Ave/Maple Dell PUD

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT
1. Nothing at this time.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
1. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Addendum Four to Bolton St. Johns Agreement for Government Relations
2. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Contingency

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
1. Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT
1. Nothing at this time.

SUPERVISORS
1. Nothing at this time.

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PRESENT: Meg Kelly, Mayor
Michele Madigan, Commissioner of Finance (arrived @5:06)
John Franck, Commissioner of Accounts (arrived @5:07)
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner of DPW
Robin Dalton, Commissioner of DPS

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Shields, Deputy Mayor
Deirdre Ladd, Deputy Commissioner of Finance
Maire Masterson, Deputy Commissioner of Accounts
Vince DeLeonardis, City Attorney

EXCUSED: Joe O'Neill, Commissioner of Public Safety
Eileen Finneran, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety
Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
Tara Gaston, Supervisor

RECORDING OF PROCEEDING

The proceedings of this meeting were taped for the benefit of the secretary. Because the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kelly opened the public comment period at 5:01 p.m.

Norbert Rawert of Saratoga Springs asked the City Council to not grant the extension and reject the whole proposal. The mail issue is the expansion of commercial activity in a largely residential area.

Deborah LaCombe of Saratoga Springs stated her property is adjacent to the proposed Stewart’s PUD. She asked the Council reject this request. Over the years, many requests for a PUD were made and all were rejected.

Mayor Kelly closed the public comment period at 5:05 p.m.
CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:
1. Approve Budget Transfers – Regular

Ayes – All

MAYOR’S DEPARTMENT

Presentation: Community Development Citizen’s Advisory Committee 2021 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan Recommendations

Rich Ferguson, chair of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee stated they had approximately $298,000 to grant and over $600,000 in requests. They have held two public meetings. The Committee recommends the following:
- Saratoga Affordable Housing Group – Case Manager - $18,000
- Wellspring Shelter Manager - $10,000
- Salvation Army iDignity Program - $10,000
- Rebuilding Together Saratoga County - $98,386
- Saratoga Affordable Housing Group Renovations Allen Drive - $59,000
- AIM Services, Inc. Group Home Rehabilitation Hathorn - $23,023
- Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York Right Place Project - $20,625
- AIM Services, Inc. Group Home at Doten - $6,400
- Community Development Program Administration - $53,000

Mayor Kelly stated the public comment on these recommendations will remain open and can be submitted through the City’s website.

Set Public Hearing: 2021 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan Recommendations for April 20, 2021

Mayor Kelly set a public hearing for Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:55 p.m.

Set Public Hearing: Amend the Capital Budget for the Geyser Road Trail

Mayor Kelly set a public hearing for Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:55 p.m.

Discussion and Vote: Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Contract Extension to the NYSERDA Grant – Partially Funding the Unified Development Ordinance Project (21-105)

Mayor Kelly advised the grant expires March 21, 2021 and with the extension, the new end date is December 31, 2021.

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Dalton seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract extension to the NYSERDA grant partially funding the Unified Development Ordinance Project.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Request for 60-Day Extension Stewart’s Marion Ave/Maple Dell PUD (21-106)

Mayor Kelly advised this is a request for a 60-day extension for the Planning Board and DRC to provide advisory opinions.
Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Dalton seconded to approve the signing of a 60-day extension for the Planning Board and DRC to provide an advisory opinion for the Stewart's Marion Avenue/Maple Dell PUD.

Ayes - All

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Nothing for this agenda at this time.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Addendum Four to Bolton St. Johns Agreement for Government Relations (21-107)

Commissioner Madigan advised the governor’s budget was released with VLT aid being completely eliminated for Saratoga Springs. This is to renew the contract for three additional months at the rate of $1,000 per month, totaling $3,000.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign addendum four to Bolton St. Johns agreement for government relations as included with the agenda. This is going to be for three more months at $1,000 per month.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Contingency (21-108)

Commissioner Madigan advised the current balance in contingency is $235,985.83 and $227,581.83 will remain after this transfer.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to approve the budget transfers – contingency as included with the agenda.

Ayes - All

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Nothing for this agenda at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Nothing for this agenda at this time.

SUPERVISORS

Nothing at this time.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk

Approved: 4/6/2021
Vote: 5 - 0