April 4, 2023

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
474 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, New York

7:00 PM

P.H. - 6:45 PM – 2023 CDBG Annual Plan
Recommendations
– Amend Chapter 134 – Human Rights Protection (Mayor’s Agenda No. 4)
– Amend Chapter 225 – Two Hour Parking on S. Franklin St. (DPS Agenda No. 7)
– Local Law No. 1 of 2023 – UDO No. 1 (Mayor’s Agenda No. 7)
– Local Law No. 2 of 2023 – UDO No. 2 (Mayor’s Agenda No. 8)
– Local Law No. 3 of 2023 – UDO No. 3 (Mayor’s Agenda No. 9)
– Local Law No. 4 of 2023 – UDO No. 4 (Mayor’s Agenda No. 10)
– Amendment to 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES

PRESENTATION
1. Saratoga Hidden Horseshoes

CONSENT AGENDA
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17. Approve Payroll 03/24/2023 $704,774.06
18. Approve Payroll 03/31/2023 $495,143.11
19. Approve Warrant 23 APR1 $1,433,206.00
20. Approve Mid-Warrant 2023 23MWMAR3 $43,927.44
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22. Approve Payroll 03/31/2023 $495,143.11
23. Approve Warrant 23 APR1 $1,433,206.00
24. Approve Mid-Warrant 2023 23MWMAR3 $43,927.44
25. Approve Budget Transfers - Regular
26. Approve Budget Amendments - Regular

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT
1. Announcement: Request by Mayor, Pursuant to Title 3, Section H of the Charter, for a Report on the City's Compliance with the Police Reform Task Force's 50 Point Recommendations
2. Announcement: April Is Fair Housing Month
3. Discussion and Vote: Resolution Calling for Congressional Action on Gun Violence Prevention
5. Discussion and Vote: Resolution on Municipal Liability
6. Discussion and Vote: SEQRA Resolution Re: Proposed Amendments 1 - 4 to the UDO
7. Discussion and Vote: Local Law No. 1 of 2023 (UDO Amendment 1)
8. Discussion and Vote: Local Law No. 2 of 2023 (UDO Amendment 2)
9. Discussion and Vote: Local Law No. 3 of 2023 (UDO Amendment 3)
10. Discussion and Vote: Local Law No. 4 of 2023 (UDO Amendment 4)
11. Discussion and Vote: Resolution for Expenditure from the Insurance Reserve Fund
12. Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay 2022 Invoice Using 2023 Funds: CDWG
13. Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay 2022 Invoices: Miller Mannix
14. Discussion and Vote: Approval to Have a 2022 Funded PO for $9,942.50 for E. Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy Issued in 2023
15. Set Public Hearing: Capital Budget Amendment
16. Discussion and Vote: Accept $2,100.00 Donation from George and Martha Parker
17. Discussion and Vote: Accept $5,000.00 Donation from Stewarts Holiday Match
18. Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Reimburse Employee #2738 in the Amount of $53,20
19. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign NY State Park Permits
20. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign the 2023 School & Group Running Practice and Training Permit Application
21. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign the Tennis Co-Sponsor Agreement with the Saratoga Regional YMCA
22. Discussion and Vote: Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Pitney Meadows Community Farm Facilities Use Agreement

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT
1. Award of Bid: Pipes, Fittings, Hydrants, and Valves to Ferguson Waterworks
2. Award of Bid: Precast Manholes, Catch Basin, Drywells, Frames and Covers to Pallette Stone Corp.
3. Update: Outdoor Dining
4. Announcement: Issuance of One-Day Marriage Officiant License
5. Announcement: Next Short Term Rental Workshop April 25, 2023
6. Announcement: Special Events
7. Announcement: Business Milestones
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
1. Announcement: Update on City Finances
2. Announcement: Participatory Budgeting
3. Discussion and Vote: Use of Assignment Resolution – Right Sizing
4. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll & Benefits
5. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers - Contingency
6. Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Right Sizing
7. Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendment - Interfund

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
1. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with Greenridge Cemetery
2. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Ferguson Waterworks for Pipes, Fittings, Hydrants, and Valves
3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Pallette Stone Corp. for Precast Manholes, Catch Basins, Dry Wells, Frames and Covers
4. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Jointa Lime for Pavement Services
5. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Stewarts Shops Corp. for the Purchase of Two Parcels of Land at 0 Excelsior Avenue
6. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign East and West Side Rec Field Agreements Between Saratoga Springs Central School District and the City of Saratoga Springs
7. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Accept Donation of Trees from Sustainable Saratoga
10. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Accept a Donation of Service from Bonacio Construction, Inc. to Maintain the Woodlawn Parking Garage

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT
1. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Prepared
2. Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to MultiMed for $27,000 for Monthly Invoices
3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign the Annual Contract with Absolute Pest Control
4. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign the Annual Contract with Saratoga Auto Supply, Inc. (NAPA) for Automotive Replacement Parts, Supplies, and Accessories
5. Discussion and Vote: Adoption of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Master Plan that was presented at the March 21, 2023 Council Meeting
6. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with the Enlarged City School District of the City of Saratoga Springs

SUPERVISORS
1. Nothing at this time.

ADJOURN
April 4, 2023

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
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7:00 PM

PRESENT:
Ron Kim, Mayor
Minita Sanghvi, Commissioner of Finance
Dillon Moran, Commissioner of Accounts (via Zoom)
Jason Golub, Commissioner of Department of Public Works
Jim Montagnino, Commissioner of Department of Public Safety

STAFF PRESENT:
Angela Rella, Deputy Mayor
Heather Crocker, Deputy Commissioner of Finance
Stacy Connors, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts
Joe O’Neill, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works
Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
Tara Gaston, Supervisor

EXCUSED:
Jason Tetu, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2023 CDBG Annual Plan Recommendations

Mayor Kim opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Kim stated a presentation of the recommendations was given to City Council in February. The City has $313,000 to award and the City Council will be voting on this at the next City Council meeting.

No one spoke.

Mayor Kim concluded the public hearing at 6:51 p.m. and kept it open.

Amend Chapter 134 – Human Rights Protection (Mayor’s Agenda No. 4)

Mayor Kim opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.
Mayor Kim advised this item will be voted on tonight.

Barb Thomas of Saratoga Springs stated she supports this resolution and it is important that everyone has access to reproductive health care.

Sue Gardner of the Saratoga Caucus for Reproductive Rights stated women have been quiet and complacent for too long. Women are going to demand their rights and reproductive rights. This will be important to all in the future.

Sally Hart of Saratoga Springs stated she supports this.

Mayor Kim closed the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

**Amend Chapter 225 – Two Hour Parking on S. Franklin St. (DPS Agenda No. 7)**

Mayor Kim opened the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Kim closed the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

**Local Law No. 1 of 2023 – UDO No. 1 (Mayor’s Agenda No. 7)**

Mayor Kim opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

Mayor Kim stated this will change some of the uses in the GCR district. The UDO still allows approximately 40 uses in the district.

Bernice Bloom stated she is the property owner of the Hutchins Road Project, which is a housing project for affordable homes. She and her partner have been working on this project for several years. Changes to the uses will restrict their ability to build these affordable homes. She asked that projects that have already begun be grandfathered in.

Mayor Kim stated if someone is before the Planning Board, they are grandfathered in.

Chris Mathiesen of Saratoga Springs stated he was on the Council when the 2015 Comprehensive Plan was approved. He is in favor of these revisions and happy to see there are notifications with signs on properties that are up for review by land use boards.

Laura Faulk of Saratoga Springs stated she is in favor of all four UDO updates. It is critical the City's land use policies reflect the climate impacts. Saratoga Springs will continue to experience development pressure as people relocate from coastal towns and other communities. She urged the Council to vote in favor of all four amendments.

Kelsey Trudell, executive director of Sustainable Saratoga stated they are in support of all four UDO amendments. It is important to adopt the amendments to protect natural resources, urban forest, and open space within the greenbelt. The amendments also support responsible and sustainable development practices.

Diana Goodwin, chair of Sustainable Saratoga stated she supports all four of the amendments. The previous City Council allowed more than 55 different types of uses in the gateway. This was a mistake. They don’t want to see more sprawl in the greenbelt. More development in the greenbelt means more infrastructure cost and more traffic. She urged the Council to adopt the first UDO amendment.
Ellen Downing of Saratoga Springs stated she is here to support all four UDO amendments. Poor City planning damages our City; the City can’t afford to make more mistakes. Building in the greenbelt will not fix problems like affordable housing. Opening the greenbelt to over development will result in urban sprawl. Beautiful cities are not achieved without careful planning. Tonight is an opportunity to move forward. She urged the council to vote yes on the UDO amendments.

Todd Downing of Saratoga Springs stated he speaks in favor of the UDO amendments. Uses in amendment 1 is incompatible with the concept of the city in the country. Amendment 2 – rural design standards are important but are impotent without justification of importance and exceptions should be mandated to be justified. UDO amendment 3 deals with wetlands and the wetlands provide flood control and enhanced water quality. Wetlands protect against climate change so they must be protected. UDO amendment 4 is for tree preservation and closes a loophole. He urged the Council to vote in favor of all the amendments.

Dio Kaufman of Saratoga encouraged the Council to pass the protections.

Tom Denny of Saratoga Springs encouraged the Council to pass all four of the UDO amendments. The 2020 natural resource inventory will give the Council reasons to support amendments 3 and 4. The use tables do not include anything for the overlay area. Uses are supposed to be primarily rural and commercial uses in the conservation development district are supposed to complement rural character and natural resource conservation. He urged the Council to strike the uses that do not support that.

Ed Lindner of Saratoga Springs urged the Council to vote yes on all four of the UDO amendments. City Councils over the last 40 or 50 years have taken steps to protect the greenbelt. These amendments will do just that. The City’s Natural Resource document is comprehensive and has an extensive section on the greenbelt.

Mayor Kim paused the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. to introduce students of Saratoga Springs High School Drama Club and congratulated them on the completion of their production of Mama Mia.

**SARATOGA SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**

Students of Saratoga Springs High School Drama Club performed a song from the play Mama Mia for the Council and audience.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (continued)**

Mayor Kim resumed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Patty Morrison of Saratoga Springs stated she is in support of all four UDO amendments. Many places in the Comprehensive Plan support these UDO amendments. She urged the Council to vote in favor of all four amendments.

Amy Durland of Saratoga Springs stated she is grateful for the resurrection of the UDO changes. She attended a climate symposium where a panel discussed how climate change will affect upstate New York with warmer temperatures, less snow, and more rain. The City of Saratoga Springs is at increased risk and the UDO does not adequately protect the natural resources that are the first line of defense in a changing climate. Many visitors and tourists love our vibrant downtown surrounded by a rural greenbelt. On page one of the current Comprehensive Plan, the executive summary talks about the vision for the community. The first sentence says, “Saratoga Springs is the city in the country.”

Debbie Kwazneski of Saratoga Springs stated she used to have a stream in her backyard and now has a lake eating her land. There is no water protection. She supports all four amendments.
Harry Moran of Saratoga Springs and a board member of Sustainable Saratoga stated he is here to speak in support of the four amendments. Any business that becomes non-conforming as a result of amendment 1 passing can continue to operate. The city in the country model is what makes this place unique, attractive, and economically prosperous. The UDO’s role is to realize the vision of the comprehensive plan and not to create new policies or to cater to the vocal requests of interest groups who have a vested economic interest in the outcome. He urged the Council to vote in favor of all four amendments.

Kate Phillips of Skidmore College stated she is in support of all four amendments to the UDO. Being in nature has proven to improve people’s mental health. She encouraged the Council to think about the students who come to Skidmore and love the greenery when passing these amendments.

Todd Shimkus of Saratoga Springs stated 10 years later the City is still here talking about this. When talking about the city in the country, we have to be sure we are talking about the city in the country for all not just the wealthy. There was no balance in this plan to help find a location for the homeless, so there are flaws. The City’s gateway needs development and improvement that fits within the community. Mr. Shimkus asked to make sure there if flexibility and balance.

Dr. Susan Sikule of Just Cats stated she has an approved mixed-use project ready to start on Driscoll Road. She plans to live in one of the apartments in the building she is building. Dr. Sikule loves the gateway and asked for the gateway to be tastefully developed. Dr. Sikule asked for the City Council to oppose all four amendments.

Allison Dockum of Saratoga Springs stated she is working on the Valley Acres property on Route 9. Many of the neighbors on Route 50 were not notified of these changes. This is an opportunity to do good work and need the opportunity to do it.

John Gentile, pastor of Bethel Saratoga stated there are multiple levels of government that restrict/protect wetlands. The City can restrict big box stores from establishing a foothold on the corridor. An approach could be to eliminate big box stores and gas stations in the corridor.

Mike Alonzo stated he owns property on South Broadway and sees nothing derogatory happening there. There is plenty of wildlife and nowhere that can be developed, as there is swamp. This ordinance has more restrictions that aren’t needed; they don’t need more regulations.

Denise Peterson, a veterinarian that works with Dr. Sikule. She stated they need a bigger place to work and is looking forward to working and serving the community in a new place.

Missy Filarecki, practice manager for Dr. Sikule stated she wished Sustainable Saratoga had spoken to them first before putting forth their suggestions. They are against selling to corporate. They are there to enhance the area and bring love to the area. Ms. Filarecki opposes the UDO amendments.

Chuck Martin of Saratoga Springs stated he has seen a lot of change over the years. He believes a lot of thought and time has gone into these amendments but trust needs to go into the Planning Department. There is going to be growth but it needs to be smart growth and well thought out.

Joann Cassidy, a realtor in Saratoga Springs stated she opposes all four of the UDO amendments. There will be plenty of green space whether this passes or not.

Raina Caldwell of Saratoga Springs stated she supports the four proposals to the UDO. Wetlands perform public services such as clean the water and increase habitat. If wetlands are not protected enough, they are easily polluted and destroyed.

Montina Zobell of Saratoga Springs stated she is a fan of protecting the environment and protecting the environment. She asked the Council to consider these amendments before controlling density and still allowing for development in a respectful way to the environment. Shutting the door to the next opportunity could ruin the thing we are trying to protect. Give the existing UDO a chance and see how it plays out.
Robert stated he is involved with the Driscoll Road project. The City has a community is fighting to protect environmental zoning. Everyone who has come up here to say they don’t want this are landowners in the area this is affecting. Those who said they want the amendments are not landowners in the area being affected. He hopes the Council opposes the amendments.

Colleen Moreland of the South Broadway Neighborhood Association submitted the names of people that are opposed to the amendments.

Rose Tait of Saratoga Springs stated she has had the opportunity to watch what happens in the wetlands without controls. The turtles, the butterflies, and the bees have not been mentioned tonight.

Carolyn Davis of PJ’s Barbeque on South Broadway stated they are proud of their success over the past 40 years. If these amendments pass, PJ’s Barbeque will not be in compliance if they wanted to do something in the future. Limitations would not allow the success of future restaurants. Additionally, the City should bring sewers down South Broadway. She suggested bringing the flowers and landscape closer to their end of Broadway and lower the speed limit.

Representative of Top Hill Motel stated he is here to support a sewer system on South Broadway. The homeless are living in the woods in that area and they leave the garbage behind. All the property owners clean up after the homeless to keep their properties looking nice. He asked the Council to consider installing a sewer system.

Bonnie, owner of Saratoga Consignment Studio on South Broadway stated she is opposed to the amendments as there are provisions in place that appear to be appropriate. Her fear as a resident and business owner in Saratoga is the gateway looks awful. The City could miss the boat if they don’t allow the people who are vested for the right reasons, make the gateway a beautiful presence.

Chuck Bryner of Saratoga Springs stated he is against the proposal but would also like to work with Sustainable Saratoga.

Mayor Kim closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Local Law No. 2 of 2023 – UDO No. 2 (Mayor’s Agenda No. 8)
This public hearing became part of the public hearing of Local Law No. 1 of 2023.

Local Law No. 3 of 2023 – UDO No. 3 (Mayor’s Agenda No. 9)
This public hearing became part of the public hearing of Local Law No. 1 of 2023.

Local Law No. 4 of 2023 – UDO No. 4 (Mayor’s Agenda No. 10)
This public hearing became part of the public hearing of Local Law No. 1 of 2023.

UDO Presentation by Matt Jones

Matt Jones of Jones, Steves, Grassi presented (presentation attached) on behalf of Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce. Matt provided a list of dates where UDO amendments have been up for discussion. The UDO became effective July 2022. The focus is on the greenbelt and the expanded permitted commercial uses in the greenbelt. When talking about the expansion of uses, they will look at density and more activity associated with the use. The greenbelt runs from the Kaydeross to the old Murphy’s Driving Range.
Mayor Kim confirmed that part, particularly the hotel, was a use variance.

Matt stated there was a change in zoning in 2013 from OMD-1 to TRBD. He continued to provide a comparison of a list of what the uses were in 2012 to now. The rational for elimination for the 11 uses does not exist. The Comprehensive Plan allows for mix of commercial and residential uses at the north. To the south, uses are primarily commercial.

Matta advised the language of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan does not have mandatory language that would prohibit commercial use. The Building and Planning Department stated the list is appropriate with the GCR and didn’t support Sustainable Saratoga’s proposed amendments 1, 2, and 3.

Mayor Kim closed the public hearings on UDO amendments 1 – 4 at 8:28 p.m.

**Amendment to 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan**

Mayor Kim opened the public hearing at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Kim advised the Council will vote on this at the April 18, 2023 Council meeting.

No one spoke.

Mayor Kim concluded the public hearing at 8:29 p.m. and kept it open.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kim called the meeting to order at 8:29 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (PART 1)**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Accept Donation of Trees from Sustainable Saratoga (23-168)

Commissioner Golub advised the trees donated will be planted throughout the City on property owned by the City of Saratoga Springs. April 29, 2023 is the first day for planting trees.

**Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to accept the donation of trees from Sustainable Saratoga to the City of Saratoga Springs in the value up to $5,000.**

**Mayor Kim made a friendly amendment and Commissioner Moran seconded to add pursuant to the authority of Section 20 of the General City Law.**

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Caroline Rothaug, chair of Sustainable Saratoga's urban forestry project stated they are happy to give this gift. Planting of trees provide environmental and health benefits. She thanked Commissioner Golub, the Department of Public Works team, and Steve Lacombe for their ongoing support. They will be planting 38 trees throughout the City on April 29, 2023.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kim advised there are new rules to public comment. People have 4 minutes to use or lose it. He asked all to be kind; we are a community. He also asked the speakers to be factual. The Council members may respond if they choose. He will also hold a public comment period at the end of the City Council meeting. The public must register to present their questions.

Mayor Kim opened the public comment period at 8:35 p.m.

Commissioner Sanghvi stated she has been called out the last couple of meetings for not paying attention. As a teacher, she has learned people learn in different ways. She takes notes to remain focused, as she has been diagnosed later in life as having attention deficit disorder. She finds it frustrating to have to justify why she has to take notes as that is something that should be between herself and her doctor. People should not feel bad for using coping mechanisms to help themselves.

Mayor Kim commended Commissioner Sanghvi for having the courage to speak out.

John Kaufmann of Saratoga Springs stated the Design Review Board met on March 8, 2023 but there are no minutes or video on the webpage. He has been inquiring of Commissioner Sanghvi for two weeks regarding this. The open meetings law is being violated and he has been ignored. He asked again, why the minutes and video are missing, who is responsible for the failure, and what actions have been taken to make sure this doesn’t happen again. In the eight years of him creating his blog, he has never had an issue finding the minutes of a meeting.

Commissioner Sanghvi stated she responded to Mr. Kaufman yesterday, as that is when she received an answer from the Mayor’s Office. The person who was supposed to take minutes retired and the person who was doing the video forgot to press play. It was a human error.

John Kaufman thanked Commissioner Sanghvi and stated she has plenty of staff, so two and a half weeks is a long time for a response.

Rose Tait of Saratoga Springs stated Commissioner Moran came up with a plan for Lincoln Avenue. In the fall, there was discussion about Union Avenue with no regard with what is happening on Lincoln Avenue. She hasn’t had a full parking lot since the road became a one-way street and has a loss of revenue. There are piles of dirt on her street and trucks going up and down her street. NYRA still has eight – 40 foot metal buildings that entraps the polluted air. She has respiratory issues and that isn’t good for her help.

Dina Henke of Saratoga Springs thanked the Council for their time and commitment (statement attached). Here to address the minutes of March 7, 2023 where on page 16 it quotes the mayor stating, “he didn’t cave, Shelters of Saratoga abandoned the plan. He went into a meeting with the school parents, who were a hostile audience and stated William Street is still on the table”. She attended and witnessed fellow parents offer ideas. She requested the Council delay the approval of these minutes until reviewing information she will provide to add an addendum to accurately reflect the Saratoga Catholic Central meeting. If meeting minutes can’t be amended, she asked that future reference to that meeting be reported accurately as a positive collaboration of parents acknowledging the need for a shelter and many expressing their desire to help, which is the opposite of hostile.

Mayor Kim stated he did say that so the minutes are accurate. His was reflecting on a specific conversation he had with one individual after the meeting where that person was threatening to sue the City. That is what he reflected on, one instance. Mayor Kim agreed the audience collaborative and listened. He apologized for that statement and today’s minutes will reflect his apology to her and the other families for making the broad generalization. As the minutes are accurate, they will not be changed.

Chris Mathiesen of Saratoga Springs stated he opposes item five on the mayor’s agenda and agrees with Commissioner Montagnino. The commissioner of public safety is responsible, according to the Charter, for the protection of city residents and their property from crime, fire, hazard, disorder, and natural disasters.
He attended the February 7 meeting and he said there was mob rule. Mr. Mathiesen was interrupted by the audience and then asked the mayor if this disruption is okay with him.

Mayor Kim closed the public comment period at 9:03 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to go into executive session to review pending litigation in the Wilkins at 9:11 p.m.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

The Council returned from executive session at 9:13 p.m.

Mayor Kim advised the outcome of the executive session will be address during his agenda.

PRESENTATION

Saratoga Hidden Horseshoes

Tracey Shannon and Jen Clasen presented. The idea originated after her visit to Block Island where a glass blower makes 500 glass balls a year and hides them. If you find a glass ball, you get to keep it. They came up with horseshoes to be hidden around the City in parks and trail. They have asked 30 local artists to decorate 30 of them and 300 will be hidden. Each horseshoe is numbered. Once they are found, scan the tag and it will be posted to their site and social media. They reached out to Saratoga Bridges, AIM, and the high school to reach artists. They are looking to launch in Congress Park on Earth Day, April 22, 2023. Trails that will have the horseshoes include High Rock Park, Spring Run, Congress Park, Waterfront Park, and Bog Meadow Trail.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kim opened the public comment again at 9:23 p.m.

Samira Sangare of Saratoga BLM stated it has been three or four meetings she hasn’t been able to speak because the Council shut public comment down. She talked about who she is as a person, a teacher, daughter, and a granddaughter. She asked Commissioner Montagnino what he wants done. She asked Commissioner Montagnino to drop the charges against Chandler Hickenbottom. Samira stated Commissioner Montagnino clearly doesn’t care about their livelihood. On March 31, they held a protest and people were throwing things at them, high school students were driving up on the sidewalk and taunting them. They need a ban on no knock warrants.

Dio Kaufman of stolen land stated some people’s disabilities are hidden and no one needs to justify themselves to anyone. Last meeting Commissioner Montagnino tried to turn the meeting into his personal trial and interrogated the city attorney. She would like to see an artist commissioned to create a new seal. She asked for a policy to protect gender-affirming care.

Anthony Letrullio of Saratoga Springs thanked the Council for having an open door policy regarding an issue he had this week.
Jules D'Angelo stated Commissioner Montagnino doesn't deserve his title after what he has done. What he did was silence someone else when he also complained about. He urged the rest of the City Council to condemn Commissioner Montagnino's for filing charges against Chandler and the charges need to be dropped.

Chris Mathiesen stated he opposes item five on the mayor’s agenda and hopes others on the Council will not support that. He believes Commissioner Montagnino conducted himself properly; that was mob rule. When rezoning was done in 2013 on the property of where the Country Gentlemen used to be, they were told if they don’t rezone it, that area is going to sit there. He was the commissioner who made the change in the traffic pattern at the clubhouse gate. That change made a difference in safety and proper traffic control in that area.

Lexis Figuereo of Saratoga Black Lives Matter stated he didn’t see the committee come out fighting when they wanted to get rid of black people in this community. People don’t care about what is happening today, people don’t care about what happened to the minorities yesterday, 60 years ago, and 200 years ago. He hasn’t heard from the City Council on how to eradicate racism and how to create equity for all. He wants to put narcan stations all over. The opioid crisis affects white people in urban areas more than black people in suburban areas.

Joe Ribis of Saratoga Springs stated the last time he spoke Commissioner Moran retaliated against his wife. The Council shut him down and had cops remove him from the Council meeting. He asked Commissioner Moran if he is going to retaliate against his wife again. He stated the entire Council is responsible and that they don’t listen to the community. If the Council listened, there wouldn’t be chaos. Mr. Ribis told the Council they all took oaths of office to do what is in the best interest of the City, every resident regardless of their color. The Council is supposed to be working for all residents.

Mayor Kim closed the public comment period at 9:47 p.m.

SUPERVISORS

The supervisors had nothing to report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

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16. Approval of 3/7/2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
17. Approve Payroll 03/24/2023 $704,774.06
18. Approve Payroll 03/31/2023 $495,143.11
19. Approve Warrant 23 APR1 $1,433,206.00
20. Approve Mid-Warrant 2023 23MWMAR3 $43,927.44
21. Approve Budget Transfers - Regular
22. Approve Budget Amendments - Regular

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

MAYOR’S DEPARTMENT

Announcement: Request by Mayor, Pursuant to Title 3, Section H of the Charter, for a Report on the City’s Compliance with the Police Reform Task Force’s 50 Point Recommendations

Mayor Kim requested all City Council members to issue a written report to him by April 30, 2023 on any progress made on recommendations on the Police Task Force. All reports will be reviewed at the May 2, 2023 meeting.

Announcement: April Is Fair Housing Month

Mayor Kim read the following proclamation into the record:

A PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, this April marks the 55th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability; and
WHEREAS, since then, New York State law has added further protections based on religion, marital status, sexual orientation, age, and military status; and
WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 added protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking; and
WHEREAS, the ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity is not the exclusive province of the Federal government and vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be as effective or even more effective than Federal efforts; and
WHEREAS, illegal barriers to equal opportunities in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights and freedoms of every American; and
WHEREAS, it is our obligation as free citizens to do our part in providing equal housing opportunities to all men and women, and to support both the letter and the spirit of State and Federal Fair Housing Laws,
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON KIM, Mayor of the City of Saratoga Springs, hereby join in the national celebration by recognizing and proclaiming April 2023 as FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Discussion and Vote: Resolution Calling for Congressional Action on Gun Violence Prevention (23-169)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to adopt the following resolution as read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK IN SUPPORT OF COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY LAWS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND DEATHS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York as follows:
WHEREAS, as of March 31, 2023, there had already been 131 mass shootings and 10,330 gun violence deaths in the United States in 2023, according to the Gun Violence Archive, an online database of gun violence incidents collected daily from over 7,500 law enforcement, media, government, and commercial sources in an effort to provide data about the results of gun violence, and; WHEREAS, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, firearm deaths continue to be a significant and growing public health problem in the United States, and;
WHEREAS, in 2020, firearm related injury surpassed motor vehicle crashes as the leading cause of death among children and adolescents in the United States, and have been since, and;
WHEREAS, all students deserve schools and communities that are safe, supportive, and free from gun violence, and;
WHEREAS, safe storage measures that require firearms to be securely stored in homes with children have been proven to significantly reduce youth firearm deaths, and;
WHEREAS, gun violence injury and death is often the direct result of policy and political failure, and
WHEREAS, failure to address the gun violence epidemic is unacceptable and unconscionable;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:
That the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs urges the United States Congress to immediately act to reduce gun violence and death by enacting meaningful common sense gun safety laws, including but not limited to safe storage laws, universal background checks, extreme risk protection orders, protection for domestic violence survivors, and restoration of local control over firearms on public property; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs calls on all municipalities across the country to join us in urging the United States Congress to swiftly take common sense steps to protect our communities from the senseless carnage that results from failure to act; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That the City Clerk transmit copies of this Resolution to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Ordinance Amending Municipal Code to Add Chapter 134 “Human Rights Protection,” Article 1 “Protection of Reproductive Rights” (23-170)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to approve the ordinance amending municipal code to add Chapter 134 Human Rights Protection Article 1 Protection of Reproductive Rights.

Commissioner Sanghvi stated women’s rights are human rights. Women are not going to stop having abortions they are going to stop having safe abortions. Cities across the United States has taken these steps to codify their commitment.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Resolution on Municipal Liability (23-171)

Mayor Kim advised a revised resolution was circulated to the Council.

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to approve the resolution on municipal liability as circulated.

The resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York as follows:
WHEREAS, on or about February 22, 2023, James Montagnino, filed a request for a Summons for alleged violations of the Penal Law, naming as a defendant Chandler M. Hickenbottom, a person in attendance at a City Council meeting held on February 7, 2023. James Montagnino made this filing of alleged criminal information unilaterally, without City Council discussion, and without an authorization or a vote from the City Council, and;
WHEREAS, while the alleged violation occurred during a City Council meeting on or about February 7, 2023, at about 7:50 PM, the City Council never endorsed the filing of any criminal information, and;
WHEREAS, under Title 3D of the City of Saratoga Springs Charter it is expressly enumerated that “the Mayor shall be presiding officer of the Council…,” and;
WHEREAS, under Title 3C of the City of Saratoga Springs Charter it is expressly enumerated that “the Mayor shall execute in the name of the City all instruments requiring the assent of the Council…,” and;
WHEREAS, on or about February 7, 2023, the City Council, by unanimous majority vote of 5 to 0 agreed to adjourn its meeting and eventually rescheduled it for February 9, 2023, and;
WHEREAS, neither the Mayor, nor the City Council have authorized the filing of any criminal information or request for a Summons for violations of the Penal Law alleged to have occurred during the City Council meeting on or about February 7, 2023; 
WHEREAS, while the City’s original 1915 Charter gave the Commissioner of Public Safety the power to make arrests, that power was repealed by referendum vote in 2001 when the current Charter took effect;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:
The instrument filed by James Montagnino “doing business at 474 Broadway, Saratoga Springs NY 12866” was authorized by neither the Mayor nor the City Council. Without a vote by the City Council, such an action is outside the legal authority of the City Council as defined in the City Charter, and is not an action of the Saratoga Springs City Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

As the instrument and criminal information filed by James Montagnino “doing business at 474 Broadway, Saratoga Springs NY 12866” is not an authorized instrument, declaration, or resolution of the City of Saratoga Springs, and was not executed by the Mayor upon the consent of the City Council; accordingly, at the appropriate time, place and manner, the City Council reserves the right to review any and all claims for indemnification under Chapter 9 of the City Code, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That no criminal complaint in which a Member of the City Council of Saratoga Springs is identified as the complainant, made on behalf of the City Council, shall be initiated against any person or persons unless and until appropriate action has been taken by the City Council.

Commissioner Montagnino stated this is the third version of this resolution and is so watered down it says nothing. He will abstain from the vote.

Commissioner Moran stated the actions taken on February 7, 2023 were disgusting. Using the force of the police to silence a young black woman for speaking because you didn’t like the words is... It is not a surprise to him he is attacking a young woman. Drop the charge because it is wrong and it is going to cost the City a lot of money.

Commissioner Sanghvi stated they received a letter from the attorney for Mr. Montagnino that says Commissioner of Public Safety. The Council did not give permission to hire an attorney. Commissioner Sanghvi asked if this his personal attorney.

Mayor Kim stated he always admired Commissioner Montagnino but what was done was an incredible mistake and will cost the City money down the road. It is not just the money; Mayor Kim believes it was racist. Free speech is not only free speech that they like but also free speech that they don’t like. They have to recognize it. He is disappointed that it hasn’t been withdrawn.

Ayes – 4 (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0
Abstention - 1 (Commissioner Montagnino)

Mayor Kim clarified he did not call the commissioner racist, the act was racist.

Commissioner Sanghvi stated it wasn’t just racist it was sexist too.

Commissioner Montagnino read a quote from Thomas Sowell as follows: “If you have always believed that everyone should play by the same rules and be judged by the same standards, that would have gotten you labeled a radical fifty years ago, a liberal 25 years ago, and a racist today.”

Discussion and Vote:  SEQRA Resolution Re: Proposed Amendments One Through Four to the UDO (23-172)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to approve the following resolution:

SEQRA RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Saratoga Springs City Council adopted the current City Comprehensive Plan in 2015; and
WHEREAS, the City Council thereafter undertook a thorough review of its land use regulations to update and unify the provisions contained in its Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and standard construction details to ensure compliance with the Comprehensive Plan; and
WHEREAS, the City Council also sought to incorporate into this process components of the City’s Complete Streets Plan, Urban Community Forest Master Plan, Open Space Master Plan and the Saratoga Greenbelt Trail Plan to ensure that any subsequent zoning enactments were not only consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, but also with the plans and goals of the community reflected in these additional planning materials all in furtherance of proposed creation and adoption of a Unified Development Ordinance (“UDO”); and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) the City Council served as SEQRA Lead Agency, identified adoption of the UDO as a Type I Action, prepared and reviewed Parts 1 and 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and, having identified no “moderate to large” impacts, adopted a SEQRA Negative Declaration finding that the action would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, following completion of the SEQRA process, the City Council adopted Local Law 2 of 2022 enacting the UDO; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, proposed Local Law 1 of 2023 would repeal and replace Section 4.6(A)(3) of the UDO to remove reference to “townhouses” from the provisions of dimensional standards in the GC-R zoning district; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, proposed Local Law 1 of 2023 would also repeal Table 8-A of the UDO and replace it with a new Table 8-A which would result in removal of Country Club and Educational Facility uses from the list of uses allowed in the RR zoning district and would result in removal of Community Center, certain types of Dwelling Units (including townhouses), Office, Medical/Dental Office, Educational Facility, Eating and Drinking Establishments having more than 40 seats and Hotels having more than 20 guest rooms from the list of uses allowed in the GC-R zoning district; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, proposed Local Law 2 of 2023 would repeal and replace Section 4.6(B)(1)(b) of the UDO removing a provision that currently allows the Planning Board to waive certain application fees under certain circumstances and would also require the Planning Board and Design Review Board to expressly determine that an application meets at least one of three specific criteria before waiving certain design standards; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, proposed Local Law 2 of 2023 would also repeal and replace Section 16.10 of UDO to add a paragraph to that provision requiring that, before 3 certain design standards are waived, the Planning Board and Design Review Board would be required to expressly determine that an application meets at least one of four specific criteria; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, proposed Local Law 3 of 2023 would repeal and replace Section 7.1(A) to clarify that the Water Protection Overlay District is intended to protect streams in addition to other waterbodies and would add a new subparagraph in Section 7.1(D) authorizing the Planning Board to increase the size of the required buffer beyond the specified buffer and set forth in Section 7.1(D) in order to mitigate identified potential environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, adoption of Local Law 3 of 2023 would also repeal and replace Section 7.1(E)(1) of the UDO to reduce the threshold for waterways triggering regulation under the UDO, clarify the manner of measuring the lands within 100 feet of such waterways, obligate the City to keep and maintain maps of such regulated watercourse areas and authorize the Planning Board to increase the 100-foot dimensional area to address potential environmental impacts identified during environmental review; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, proposed Local Law 4 of 2023 would repeal and replace Section 13.7(D) of the UDO to delete a provision which currently authorizes the Planning Board and Design Review Board to waive the disturbance activity permit application fee where such application is made in association with a subdivision or site plan application; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, proposed Local Law 4 of 2023 would also add a requirement that disturbance activity permit applications be accompanied by a site plan and that the site plan include an existing conditions plan or tree plan depicting the species, size, location and condition of any existing significant trees within the area proposed to be disturbed. 4

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed UDO amendments constitute a subsequent change to a previously reviewed SEQRA Action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, if adopted, the UDO amendments set forth in Local Law 1 of 2023, Local Law 2 of 2023, Local Law 3 of 2023 and Local Law 4 of 2023 would not result in any new or different adverse environmental impacts not identified during previous SEQRA review and, therefore, no further or supplemental SEQRA review is warranted. This conclusion is based on the following findings:

1. Local Law 1 of 2023 would delete reference to “townhouses” from UDO Section 4.6(A)(3) and would result in further changes to the use table set forth at Table 8-A by removing Country Club and Educational Facility uses from the list of uses allowed in the RR zoning district and by removing Community Center, certain types of Dwelling Units (including townhouses), Office, Medical/Dental Office, Educational Facility, Eating and Drinking Establishments having more than 40 seats and Hotels having more than 20 guest rooms from the list of uses allowed in the GC-R zoning district. By removing uses currently allowed in these zoning districts, there would be no new or different adverse environmental impacts not previously considered.

2. No impact on the environment would result from disallowing waiver of certain application fees as would occur under Local Law 2 of 2023 and, therefore, such change could have no new or different adverse environmental impacts not previously considered.

3. The proposed revisions to UDO Section 4.6(B)(1)(b) and Section 16.10 would restrict the Planning’s and Design Review Boards’ ability to exempt projects 5 from certain design standards which would be more protective of the environment. Therefore, no new or different adverse environmental impacts are likely to result from adoption of Local Law 2 of 2023 which were not previously considered.

4. The amendments to UDO Sections 7.1(A), 7.1(D) and 7.1(E) set forth in Local Law 3 of 2023 would clarify that the Water Protection Overlay District is intended to protect streams in addition to other waterbodies, increase the number of waterways subject to regulation under the UDO, clarify the lands so regulated, require the City to maintain maps showing such areas and authorize the Planning Board to increase the size of the required buffer beyond that specified in order to address or mitigate identified potential environmental impacts. As these changes have the effect of increasing the scope of environmental protection, adoption of Local Law 3 of 2023 would not result in any new or different adverse environmental impacts not previously considered.

5. Local Law 4 of 2023 would delete a provision which currently authorizes the Planning Board to waive the disturbance activity permit application fee when such applications are made in association with a subdivision or site plan application. The amendments would also require such applications to be accompanied by a site plan and that the site plan include an existing conditions plan or tree plan depicting the species, size, location and condition of any existing significant trees within the area proposed to be disturbed. Local Law 4 of 2023 would also require applicants to provide the reviewing Board with more information pertaining to current vegetative conditions to promote better informed decision making. These changes would not result in any new or different adverse environmental impacts not previously considered and would decrease the
Commissioner Moran asked if this resolution is for lead agency.

Mayor Kim stated this resolution states no significant impact.

Mark Schachner of Miller, Mannix, Schachner, and Hafner advised because of it being a zoning amendment, the Council is the only involved agency and discretionary approval. These are amendments to the UDO that were already adopted and subjected to SEQRA.

**Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)**

**Nays – 0**

**Discussion and Vote: Local Law No. 1 of 2023 (UDO Amendment 1)**

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2023 as attached to the agenda.

Commissioner Moran stated he spent a lot of time discussing this with interested parties. He hears the concern is mass of scale not what is done inside a building. Five months of work has been put into this this and now it is being changed. He is open to continue conversations on how to approach this concern. He can’t support it; he trusts the staff.

Commissioner Golub stated he finds it interesting that the business community would like to meet and work with Sustainable Saratoga to find solutions. He would like to see that happen before they make a decision.

Commissioner Montagnino stated they are still in the process of the UDO. The City needs to wait for the course corrections before having input before “tinkering” with the UDO. He is opposed with going forward at this time.

Commissioner Sanghvi stated there seems to be consensus to wait and talk. She agrees with some of the concern about wetlands.

Mayor Kim stated he agrees with Commissioner Golub on the social issue. This City Council acted to create affordable housing. The issue of South Broadway is really about sewer and what is preventing the development more than what is being discussed here. The other three amendments shouldn’t be thrown away. The second amendment establishes standards, the third amendment is about streams, and the fourth amendment is to protect demolishing all trees for development. He saw the comments of his employees and doesn’t agree with them. Some people believe ancillary structures can easily be turned into Airbnb concerns.

**Mayor Kim pulled this item from his agenda.**

**Discussion and Vote: Local Law No. 2 of 2023 (UDO Amendment 2) (23-173)**

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2023 as included with the agenda.

Commissioner Moran stated he feels this is an appropriate modification. He will support this one.

Commissioner Sanghvi stated she agrees with Commissioner Moran and will support this one.

Commissioner Golub stated he doesn’t have a problem with this one.
Mayor Kim made a friendly amendment and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded that section 6 read: “These amendments to the UDO shall not apply to applications or projects which have already received at least one land use approval issued by a City land use board on or before the effective date of this local law regardless of whether any other land use approvals are required.”

Mark Schachner suggested the last four suggestions of the local law be renumbered so the last section 6 – exceptions, be moved to before the section called Severability. The re-ordering would result in the exception section come before the severability section, then repealer section, then the effective date section. This should be done for each of the remaining amendments.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 1 (Commissioner Montagnino)

Discussion and Vote: Local Law No. 3 of 2023 (UDO Amendment 3)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2023 as attached to the agenda.

Mayor Kim advised this amendment relates to preservation of water and increase setbacks to 100 feet.

Commissioner Sanghvi stated this is an important piece and resources in Saratoga Springs. Once they are lost, they are lost forever. She is in 100% support of this.

Commissioner Moran stated watershed and watershed protection is important. His only concern is under section 3 clause #1, it mentions maps are in the City Clerk’s Office. He would like to see this brought back with a clear definition of what these bodies of water are. Commissioner Moran asked Supervisor Veitch what the probability would be of getting the County interested in the expansion of the sewer district.

Supervisor Veitch stated there is some interest in extending sewer down South Broadway.

Commissioner Moran stated the amendment is set to be implemented immediately. He suggested this be implemented in 2024 so the bodies of water can be defined.

Commissioner Golub asked if the bodies of water are itemized in such a way that it can be enforced.

Mayor Kim stated this is extending the buffer from 50 feet to 100 feet. That is a problem when they are looking at 50 or 100.

Commissioner Moran stated he feels it is fair to define things. He asked if it is possible to table this.

Mayor Kim tabled this issue to focus on the definition of bodies of water. The public hearing was re-opened.

Discussion and Vote: Local Law No. 4 of 2023 (UDO Amendment 4) (23-174)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2023 as attached to the agenda.

Mayor Kim made a friendly amendment and Commissioner Moran seconded that section 6 exceptions be added to Local Law No. 4.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 1 (Commissioner Montagnino)

Discussion and Vote: Resolution for Expenditure from the Insurance Reserve Fund
Commissioner Sanghvi advised the Finance Department never received a budget amendment.

**Mayor Kim pulled this item from the agenda.**

**Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay 2022 Invoice Using 2023 Funds: CDWG (23-175)**

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize payment of 2022 invoice $1,840.79 for a laptop computer for the use by the communications coordinator that was purchased through the Finance Department in 2022 but not received until 2023.

Commissioner Sanghvi advised the Finance Department has not received the certificate of funds; therefore, she will abstain from the vote.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0
Abstention – 1 (Commissioner Sanghvi)

**Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay 2022 Invoices: Miller Mannix (23-176)**

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize pay an invoice to Miller, Mannix in the amount of $2,856 for legal services related to land use issues.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

**Discussion and Vote: Approval to Have a 2022 Funded PO for $9,942.50 for E. Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy Issued in 2023 (23-177)**

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to issue a purchase order to E. Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy in the amount of $9,942.50 for legal services in connection with litigation matters.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

**Set Public Hearing: Capital Budget Amendment**

Mayor Kim set a public hearing for Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

**Discussion and Vote: Accept $2,100.00 Donation from George and Martha Parker (23-178)**

Mayor Kim advised George and Martha Parker is donating $2,100.

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to accept the donation of $2,100 from George and Martha Parker for recreation department scholarships.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

**Discussion and Vote: Accept $5,000.00 Donation from Stewarts Holiday Match (23-179)**
Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to accept the donation of $5,000 from the Stewarts Holiday Match for soccer nets, program supplies, equipment, and scholarships for the Recreation Department.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Reimburse Employee #2738 in the Amount of $53.20 (23-180)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the reimbursement of Recreation Department employee #2738 for concession stand receipts.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign NY State Park Permits (23-181)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the New York State Park permits for entry into the park by Camp Saradac employees and campers.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign the 2023 School & Group Running Practice and Training Permit Application (23-182)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the 2023 school and group running practice and training permit application.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign the Tennis Co-Sponsor Agreement with the Saratoga Regional YMCA (23-183)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the tennis co-sponsor agreement with the Saratoga Regional YMCA.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Pitney Meadows Community Farm Facilities Use Agreement (23-184)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the Pitney Meadows Community Farm facilities use agreement, which will allow the Recreation Department to use their trails for the summer running program.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0
Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to add an item to the agenda regarding extending the time for planning board to render an advisory opinion on 182 Excelsior Avenue. (23-209)

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Extension of Planning Board to Render Advisory Opinion on 182 Excelsior Avenue (23-185)

Mayor Kim moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to allow the Planning Board an extension of 60 days to render an advisory opinion for 182 Excelsior Avenue.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Council took a recess at 11:03 p.m.

Council returned at 11:14 p.m.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Award of Bid: Pipes, Fittings, Hydrants, and Valves to Ferguson Waterworks (23-186)

Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to award the bid for Pipes, Fittings, Hydrants, and Valves to Ferguson Waterworks in the amount not to exceed $143,942.51.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Award of Bid: Precast Manholes, Catch Basin, Drywells, Frames and Covers to Pallette Stone Corp. (23-187)

Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Golub seconded to award the bid for Precast Manholes, Catch Basins, Drywells, Frames and Covers to Pallette Stone Corp. in the amount not to exceed $106,119.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Update: Outdoor Dining

Commissioner Moran advised a Design Review Board component was added to the outdoor dining approval process. When the community was shut down to COVID, the community lost about 7 million in revenue. Commissioner Moran started working with Fort Miller to create decorative barriers. There will be planters on the end of the barriers and the barriers will be green. (presentation/pictures attached) It will cost approximately $78,000 to do a full build out of the barriers. The Accounts Department, Design Review Board, and Department of Public Works have worked together. Through Supervisor Veitch, a grant in the amount of $14,000 will be coming from Saratoga County Economic Development. The hope is to start dropping the structures in the next week or so.
Announcement: Issuance of One-Day Marriage Officiant License

Commissioner Moran advised New York State passed a law that effective March 28, 2023, a town or city clerk can issue a one-day marriage officiant license upon request.
- Marriage officiant must be 18 or older.
- Officiant need not be a resident of the town or city to which they apply or a resident of the state.
- Officiant has the authority to solemnize a marriage anywhere in the state.
- Officiant must apply and complete application form for license in the same town or city clerk’s office as the couple to be married.
- Fee is $25.

Commissioner Moran moved and Mayor Kim seconded to add an item to the agenda regarding the addition of a fee for the one-day marriage officiant license. (23-188)

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Addition of $25 Fee to Fee Schedule for Marriage Officiant License (23-189)

Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to add the fee of $25 to the fee schedule.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Announcement: Next Short Term Rental Workshop April 25, 2023

Commissioner Moran announced that the next short term rental workshop is Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the City Center.

Announcement: Special Events

Commissioner Moran announced the following special events:
- Friday, April 7, 2023 – Saratoga Springs Police Department Spring Event – Noon – 2 p.m. in Congress Park. Photos with the Easter bunny, face painting, Army National Guard inflatable obstacle course and refreshments.
- Saturday, April 22, 2023 - Earth Day.
- Saturday, April 29, 2023 - Tree Toga - Sustainable Saratoga’s annual tree planting event
- Saturday, April 29, 2023 - H.O.P.E. (Homes for Orphaned Pets Exist) Spring Walk for the Animals - fundraising walk for animal rescue organization.
- Sunday, May 21, 2023 - Team Billy Ride & Walk for Research - 10, 25 & 50-mile bike rides and a 3-mile walk. Promote awareness & support to find a cure for brain tumors. Proceeds are directed through the National Brain Tumor Society.
- Sunday, May 28, 2023 – Saratoga Springs Lions Club Memorial Duathlon & 5K annual fundraising event. This is a 5K run followed by a 30K bike ride and then another 5K run. The memorial 5K is a separate race that starts 20 minutes after the duathlon begins. Runners of all abilities are welcome.

Announcement: Business Milestones

Commissioner Moran announced the Amtrak service from Saratoga Springs to Montreal is back.
Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to add an item to the agenda regarding rate lock of gas rates for 2024. (23-190)

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0
Abstention – 1 (Commissioner Golub)

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Sprague Gas (23-191)

The fee is $.6959 per therm and will change to $.5049 per therm.

Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded for the mayor to sign a rate lock contract with Sprague Gas for year 2024.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Announcement: Update on City Finances

Commissioner Sanghvi announced the budgeting workshops are going well. The finance staff is reviewing first quarter revenue and expenses and will be providing an update on year-end finances in April.

Announcement: Participatory Budgeting

Commissioner Sanghvi announced cycle one projects are being implemented. Cycle two information is coming up on April 25 at the library.

Discussion and Vote: Use of Assignment Resolution – Right Sizing (23-192)

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Mayor Kim seconded to approve the changes in the title as shown in red on the attachment.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll & Benefits (23-193)

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Commissioner Moran seconded line 1 – 2 is for the Recreation Department for clinic payroll; line 3 – 4 for the Accounts Department assistant assessor to professional services; 5 – 6 is for the Police Department for training; line 7 – 8 is for the Department of Public Works for sick leave correction; 9 – 10 is for the Mayor’s Department to fund assistant city attorney.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Contingency (23-194)
Commissioner Sanghvi advised the beginning balance in contingency is $250,000 and after this transfer, the amount remaining will be $226,047.12. This is to cover the purchase of water for the January 1, 2023 water main break.

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Commissioner Moran seconded that lines 1 – 2 are to cover bottled water for the water main break in January.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Right Sizing (23-195)

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Mayor Kim seconded lines 1 – 2 are for the Mayor’s Department for assistant city attorney.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendment – Interfund (23-196)

Commissioner Sanghvi moved and Commissioner Moran seconded lines 1 – 2 for refund of prior year taxes due to assessment changes.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with Greenridge Cemetery (23-197)

Commissioner Golub advised this is an annual contract with Greenridge Cemetery Association for maintenance.

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign agreement with Greenridge Cemetery.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Ferguson Waterworks for Pipes, Fittings, Hydrants, and Valves (23-198)

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the mayor to sign contract with Ferguson Waterworks valid until 3/19/2023 not to exceed unit bid prices.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Pallette Stone Corp. for Precast Manholes, Catch Basins, Dry Wells, Frames and Covers (23-199)
Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the mayor to sign contract with Pallette Stone Corp. valid until 12/31/23 not to exceed unit bid prices.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Jointa Lime for Pavement Services (23-200)

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign contract with Jointa Lime for paving services valid until 12/31/24 not to exceed unit bid prices.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Stewarts Shops Corp. for the Purchase of Two Parcels of Land at 0 Excelsior Avenue (23-201)

Commissioner Golub advised this will allow the City to maintain a natural buffer between the Water Treatment Plant and development. He thanked the Bill Dake for making this property available for $1 million less than the appraised value.

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to authorize the mayor to sign contract with Stewarts Shops Corp. for the purchase of two parcels of land at 0 Excelsior Avenue in the amount of $1,075,000.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign East and West Side Rec Field Agreements Between Saratoga Springs Central School District and the City of Saratoga Springs (23-202)

Commissioner Golub advised this is for an additional five years from 2022 – 2027 with the first year being retroactive. The contribution to the yearly operation will increase by $20,000 for years 1 – 3 and $25,000 for years four and five. There will be a decrease in the annual capital reimbursement to $25,000 from $45,000 and there will be a semi-annual inspection.

Commissioner Golub moved and Commissioner Montagnino seconded to authorize the mayor to sign use and maintenance contract with the Saratoga Spring School District valid until June 30, 2027.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Accept Donation of Trees from Sustainable Saratoga

This item was addressed earlier in the evening.

Announcement: Household Hazardous Waste Day 2023

Commissioner Golub announced household hazardous waste date will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 8 a.m. – noon at the Weibel Avenue Ice Rink.
Announcement: 2022 – 2023 DPW Annual Report

Commissioner Golub announced the Department of Public Works annual report was submitted to the Council. He thanked Deputy Commissioner O’Neill for his continued service to the department and the whole team for their dedication. The report covers many projects completed by the Department of Public Works in 2022.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Accept a Donation of Service from Bonacio Construction, Inc. to Maintain the Woodlawn Parking Garage

Commissioner Golub pulled this item from his agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Prepared (23-203)

Commissioner Montagnino advised this contract will allow the 911 dispatchers to view what is happening through the caller’s cell phone with the caller’s consent.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Prepared.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to MultiMed for $27,000 for Monthly Invoices (23-204)

Commissioner Montagnino advised this the third party who does the billing for ambulance services.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to issue a purchase order for MultiMed in the amount of $27,000 for monthly invoices.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign the Annual Contract with Absolute Pest Control (23-205)

Commissioner Montagnino advised this is for the Police Department and the two firehouses.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Absolute Pest Control.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign the Annual Contract with Saratoga Auto Supply, Inc. (NAPA) for Automotive Replacement Parts, Supplies, and Accessories (23-206)
Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Saratoga Auto Supply, Inc. for automotive replacement parts, supplies, and accessories.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Adoption of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Master Plan that was presented at the March 21, 2023 Council Meeting

Commissioner Montagnino pulled this item from his agenda.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with the Enlarged City School District of the City of Saratoga Springs (23-207)

Commissioner Montagnino advised this is for a pole replacement.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Sanghvi seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with the Saratoga Springs City School District.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Discussion and Vote: Amend Chapter 225, Article IX, Section 225-87 of the Code of the City of Saratoga Springs, Entitled “Vehicle and Traffic – Schedule XXII: Time Limit Parking” (23-208)

Commissioner Montagnino advised this is to provide a two-hour parking space on the east side of South Franklin Street.

Commissioner Montagnino moved and Commissioner Moran seconded to amend Chapter 225, article IX, Section 225-87 of the Code of the City of Saratoga Springs, Entitled “Vehicle and Traffic – Schedule XXII: Time Limit Parking”.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kim opened public comment at 11:59 p.m.

Dina Henke stated she is a supporter of the environment. She asked how many people have mentioned South Broadway as an opportunity for affordable housing to be built. She stated she is curious about meeting minutes for the homeless task force; there was question if minutes were being taken. The minutes have not been released.

Mayor Kim stated the community development coordinator does take minutes. He wasn't aware the minutes had not been released.

Dina Henke also stated her children asked her to find them a school where they would feel safe, happy and accepted. She found that in Catholic schools. If the City is looking at placing a homeless shelter at 5 Williams Street, just feet from the school, the children would be exposed to mental health and drug abuse. She will make herself available to talk with people about how a young child sees things.
Rose Tait stated she had been locked out of the building one time. She tried to enter via the handicap ramp and it was locked. She stated she never mentioned who made Lincoln Avenue into a one-way street.

Kristen Dart of Saratoga Springs stated the first meeting of the Civilian Review Board (CRB) is later this month. She requested the Department of Public Safety appointee be rescinded, as that person has not responded to their e-mails.

Mayor Kim closed the public comment period at 12:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moran moved and Commissioner Golub seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Ayes – All (Commissioner Moran, Commissioner Sanghvi, Commissioner Golub, Commissioner Montagnino, and Mayor Kim)
Nays – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Secretary to the City Council

Approved: 4/18/2023
Vote: 5 - 0