CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR AGENDA

April 20, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Meg Kelly, Mayor
Lisa Shields, Deputy Mayor
John P. Franck, Commissioner
Michele Madigan, Commissioner
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner
Robin Dalton, Commissioner
Vincent J. DeLeonardis, City Attorney
Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
Tara Gaston, Supervisor
MAYOR KELLY: Good evening. Welcome to the city council meeting Tuesday, April 20th. It is 6:55.
This evening, we have three public hearings. The first public hearing is to amend Chapter 225-81, parking prohibited on Adams Road. And I'll turn it over to Commissioner Dalton.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you. This is to prohibit parking on both sides of Adams Road between Cady Hill Road and Marsel Drive.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So if anybody wants to speak on amending Chapter 225-81, parking prohibited on Adams Road, please raise your hand at this time. I don't see anyone here.

Commissioner Dalton, are we closing this evening?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: I'm comfortable closing it if there is no one here that wants to comment. It doesn't look like there is.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So we are closing that, and we'll move on to the
second public hearing to amend Chapter 225-94, alternate side parking on Clinton Street. And Commissioner Dalton again.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

Mayor, this is to add alternate side of the street parking on Clinton Street from Vermont Street to Church Street.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Anybody that'd like to speak on that, please raise your hand. You can find that in your reactions bar if you need to -- if you want to public speak on this item.

Okay. And we are closing that this evening, too, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Sounds good to me.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.

The third public hearing is Saratoga Springs Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations for the 2021 annual block grant action plan. This can be found -- the action -- the recommendations can be found on the community development page on the city website. If anybody would like to
comment on the recommendations for the community development citizen's advisory recommendations, please raise your hand at this time.

Okay. Doesn't look -- we're going to keep this one open. We will keep it open until the 30th of the month, and comments can be sent to Lindsey Connors at our community development planner.

So at this time, we have a couple of minutes until we can start our meeting at 7, so we'll come back at 6:59, two minutes. Thank you.

(Recess)

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. At this time, I'd like to call 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?

MAYOR KELLY: They will be late this evening.

SECRETARY TO CITY COUNCIL: Okay.

MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

Thank you. At this time, 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.

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

As a reminder, public comment is not a dialogue or a discussion with the council members. However, at the end of comment period, any council member may respond or comment.

Please raise your hand in our Zoom toolbar if you would like to address the council, and please, when you -- when we call on you, state your name and your city you live in, and give me your comments.

So if you'd like to comment at this time, please raise your hand.

Ciara Meyer, please unmute. Thank you and unmute.

MS. MEYER: Hi. I'm Ciara Meyer. I'm a Saratoga Springs High School sophomore, and I live at 94 State Street. I'm here to show support for public space recycling in the downtown area.

I've had the pleasure of speaking with some of the commissioners in regard to this issue before, and I'm hoping that
my support will encourage you all to help
push for it, including the installation
of downtown recycling bins, in the 2022
budget.

The benefits of recycling are clear.
It demonstrates a commitment to
sustainability for visitors and
residents. It curbs pollution and
littering and has strong bipartisan
support. However, there are some
congresses I'm hoping to address and
combat.

First is contamination or improper
use of bins. This is an issue. However,
there are simple measures that can be
taken to curb contamination. Simple,
clear labeling and signage, placing
recycling and trash bins side-by-side,
and placing bins in highly trafficked
areas are all proven strategies in
reducing contamination. Public education
also helps curb contamination. And as
our schools and many local businesses, as
well as other cities around the country,
already have strong recycling programs,
it's likely that many visitors to the
downtown area are already well versed in
how to recycle properly.

The second concern I'd like to
address is cost. I would like to
emphasize that this is a one-time
investment, and though I know budgets are
probably tight due to the COVID crisis,
this is an issue long overdue and well
worth investing in.

In addition, the people who
currently collect the trash downtown
could likely pick up recycling as well.
So there's no need to reinvent the wheel.
We can keep using the same collection
process, and we are looking into probably
using compostable bags that would make it
easier to differentiate between the
recycling and trash.

Overall, I'm just hoping that my
support encourages you all to include the
installation of twenty-eight recycling
bins in the downtown area in the 2022
budget. Cost and contamination are
concerns, but they're not sufficient to
diminish the benefits of public space recycling.

Thank you for your time.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

Anybody else like to comment this evening?

Jade, can you unmute and turn your video on?

MS. HELAL: Yes.

MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you.

MS. HELAL: Hello. My name is Jade Helal. I'm a sophomore and resident of Saratoga Springs. I'm here to help advocate for public space recycling in the downtown Saratoga area. Hopefully, my message will push for the installment of twenty-eight downtown recycling bins in the 2022 budget.

I was born in France, and I lived in Germany before living here. We had similar recycling bins like the ones I'm advocating for today.

In Germany, not only did we have these bins, but we were also taught in school how to appropriately recycle.
Things like rinsing out our yogurt cup before throwing it out, and we were even taught how to make our own paper.

I was surprised when I moved here and there was no recycling system like the ones I had before, especially since Saratoga has such a great reputation. Recycling is a big part of my life, and I know it's a huge part of others', too.

I have seen firsthand how the installation of these bins do a great deal for the environment. Tossing out waste that is not biodegradable in landfills where it cannot properly decompose wastes a tremendous amount of landfill space.

To give you an idea, a glass bottle takes approximately 4,000 years to decompose. We would also be -- we would also be reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases.

Recycling would mean saving our constantly diminishing natural resources. This would also be a significant step for reducing and preventing air and water
pollution. In fact, just one glass bottle would mean twenty percent reduction in air pollution and fifty percent reduction in water pollution compared to making the bottle from raw materials. We would also be saving energy.

All of these things would help us lower our carbon footprint. The earth is currently undergoing a global climate change crisis, and it is our job to help in any way we can.

We need to make sure that the earth is around and well for generations to come. Adding these bins would be a great way for us to contribute in saving our earth. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Jade.

Anyone else? Let's see; Maddie Cook.

MS. COOK: Hi. My name is Maddie Cook, and I live in Saratoga Springs, and I'm a Saratoga Springs High School sophomore. I'm here to voice my support for public space recycling in the
downtown area. I'm hoping that my support will encourage you all to help push for including the installation of twenty-eight downtown recycling bins in the 2022 budget.

I believe that the installation of the bins downtown would demonstrate to our tourists how much we care about sustainability.

In many other cities, such as Tuscaloosa and New York City, public space recycling is provided in areas with high foot traffic. Recycling is becoming an expectation in downtown areas and Saratoga has the opportunity to step up to the plate now and become a more clean and green destination.

It's been proven that communities that provide recycling in public spaces have less litter than those with just trash. And giving -- and given Saratoga's reputation for being a beautiful and cleanly place, we should be prioritizing and maintaining that reputation by providing recycling
downtown.

In addition, our current trash bins in the downtown area appear to be nearing the end of their days. On a walk the other day, I noticed the bins with graffiti stickers and shoelaces covering their sides.

I know that the cost of new bins would be daunting; however, the purchase would be a one-time investment and a worth one at that. Investing in new recycling bins would make our downtown more beautiful for our visitors and residents and would prevent future littering in our community.

I hope that you consider supporting including the cost of twenty-eight recycling bins in the 2022 budget.

Thank you for your time.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Maddie.

Anyone else? This is public comment period. Does anybody else want to comment for public comment period?

MR. LACOPONI: Yes. I'm unable to raise my hand on the Zoom. Am I able to
speak?

MAYOR KELLY: Is that John?

MR. LACOPONI: Yes.

MAYOR KELLY: John, could you just unmute -- you are unmuted. Could you put your video on, please?

MR. LACOPONI: There we go. Hi, there. I'm not actually on Mars. I'm here in Saratoga Springs.

Hi. I'm John Iacoponi. I'm a member of the Marion Ave., Maple Ave., Maple Dell Neighborhood Association. We are -- my wife and I are daily users of the Spring Run Trail, and I'm not going to -- it's not going to speak about recycling, although I support that.

DPW does a great job mowing, snowplowing, et cetera, but we've noticed that over the last year, there's been some degradation of things like fences, erosion on that trail, et cetera. So just a simple request to see if there's any discretionary funding in the mayor's budget or somewhere to do some rehabilitation of things like fences, fix
some of the drainage, et cetera on that Spring Run Trail. It's a fantastic asset, but it's five, ten years long in the tooth right now and could use a -- could use a refresh.

Could also be a great Boy Scout project if the city could donate or find a way to get some materials donated, or a community project. We in the neighborhood and others in Spring Run Trail, friends, happy to pitch in labor.

MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you.

Anyone else like to speak for public comment period?

Lucia?

MS. CUCINELLA: Hello. My name is Lucia Cucinella and I am a senior at the Saratoga High School, as well as a freshman at SUNY Adirondack. I am also coming to show support for the inclusion of twenty-eight bins in the budget for the next year.

Not only do I feel, of course, there are many benefits to having them as a city just to be greener, but I also fear
that we are slowly undoing our reputation as being a beautiful, historic, and clean city and effectively burying our area in plastic and putting on, to say, like, a bad face for other places. We're known as being a very beautiful, very clean, very historic place, and I feel this on -- I know there's been an effort that's been going on for a long time, but the farther it's pushed out, the harder and harder it will be to reverse, and the more damage we're doing not only to our area as a city, but also our reputation.

So I was hoping, again, I could help to convince you guys to make more space in the budget for it. Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Lucia.

Anyone else of the comment period?

Anybody else on here to speak at public comment?

Do you see anybody Lisa?

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: I don't.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Is there anybody out here that can't raise their hand and they want to speak? Turn your
video on so we could see you.

Okay. Then, at this time, I'm going
to close the -- any comments from the
council?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I have some
comments, Mayor.

MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I want to
thank the students from the local
Saratoga Springs High School for their
excellent advocacy of public space
recycling in our downtown. I'm fully
supportive of this. I've done a little
bit more extensive research on this, and
it can be both a capital budget item and
a general -- or a general operating, you
know, expense item.

So I know the mayor has an
announcement on her agenda for this
evening to talk about the capital budget
process and how it's going to begin. So
this is something that could be discussed
as a capital budget item for 2022.

I also came across and emailed a few
students, and I know my deputy, Deirdre
Ladd, and Wendy Mahaney with Sustainable Saratoga, I knew that when I was first elected, I was really pushing for public space recycling, and I've had a problem, or issues trying to find the article. But I finally found it today and it's dated March 5th, 2012. It's in the Daily Gazette, and one of the things I said was that I was very impressed with the recycling program at Lake Avenue Elementary School because they had started up this huge recycling program and that I wanted to do the same thing in the city.

So you definitely have at least one member of the city council who is incredibly supportive of this, and you know, thank you for your advocacy to the students.

MAYOR KELLY: Any other comments?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: I would love to actually add something as well. I just wanted to thank the students for speaking up. They -- you beautifully articulated your case. It was really
impressive.

One of the first thing I observed about downtown Saratoga, is that there are no recycling bins, but it wasn't something I've asked about. So kudos to you guys for getting together and speaking up, and I know that I'm supportive of this effort and I hope it's something we can get done. So thank you all.

MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. I'd like to thank them, too. It's really -- for me, it's quite fun to see these -- these students come out here and public speak. I -- you know, they were in theater -- at my theater when they were younger, and I just love to see that because their voices are being heard. But I, too, support, you know, recycling, but we are in a budget crunch.

And I'd like to comment on the Spring Run Trail, to John, saying that, you know, I do not have any money in my budget, but I think putting stuff like this into the 2020 (sic) -- and we'll see
how it goes, you know.

We have to -- we have to get through this year because we're on a tight budget, and you know, I think that everybody can understand that. But I do know that these -- that the Spring Run Trail and the recycle bins have to be, you know, taken care of and at least put the bins in so we can get going. But we need money and, you know, we have priorities and we have to set those priorities. So that's where the city is at right now as far as Meg Kelly is concerned.

Any other comments from the council?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I had one about the Spring Run Trail.

I know that local service groups, like the Saratoga Springs Lions Club and the Rotarians and the Boy Scouts, have, several times, volunteered to clean up the trail, but it's probably -- they've shown up to clean the trail, but they need the proper tools. So that might be something we could work on and partner
with some of the different service
organizations. You know, meet them and
supply the proper tools and bagging and
clean up some litter and clean up the
trails going forward with some of those
groups.

The person who made that comment,
you know, mentioned maybe getting some
volunteers, actually, out there to help
clean up. And they get service credits
for doing that kind of work, particularly
the Boy Scouts.

MAYOR KELLY: Any other comments?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And Mayor,
I'd like to comment.

MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah. I too
would like to thank the students. I, in
fact, met with them and it was a very
good meeting. And I want to commend them
on their concern for the environment.
But I can tell you, obviously -- you
pretty much said it -- it comes down to
money.

And I know the bins are -- we had --
back -- I'm going to say real quick -- we had probably, in 2011 or '12, we had put four recycling bins on Broadway. I mean, I still have those bins, and my intention was to put them back out there, and that's before Single Stream, and we were looking for a place to put them, and I think I'm going to stick them in the park. We were -- we were talking about that for Earth Day.

But having said that, I think it's a good idea. The bins on Broadway are starting to get beat up pretty good. So yeah, it's time to replace them. We do partner with the Special Assessment District to, you know, to actually buy them. Maybe we can partner with them to get some money from them and then some money from one of the budgets. But, I mean, twenty-eight -- twenty-eight recycling bins, you're probably looking at probably close to 30,000 dollars.

Again, it is a one-time investment, and I certainly would support any -- you know, something like that.
And again, I want to thank the --
you know, the students for their concern
for the environment.

The other piece -- I think it was
John that spoke in regards to Spring Run Trail. Spring Run Trail is -- he's
right; Spring Run Trail is a gorgeous trail. It's just down the street from
me. And every -- every year, every time
we have these trails and we're looking at
another trail, which is Geyser Road
Trail -- we got nine miles of trail in
the city.

We put in the -- we put in our
budget, DPW's budget, you know, people to
actually be trail people, to go in and
work and clean up the trails and that
sort of thing. Got taken out of the
budget. And again, for obvious reasons,
you know, we were in a pandemic, money
was short, we actually were facing -- we
were faced with layoffs.

Hopefully, this next year, we can
include that back into the budget, and
I'd like to see support for that. Again,
you know, we got -- we got all the -- all
the trails, Railroad Run, Spring Run, now
Geyser Road Trail, Barn Meadow Trail;
there's a lot of trails in the city and
really, there's really nobody, you know,
to take care of them. So I would -- I
would certainly include that in my 2022
budget, and hopefully we can get some
support for that and it'll make it
happen.

In the meantime, I can have the guys
take a ride out there and take a look at
it and see if they can't, you know, clean
it up.

The other piece is, and I think
somebody mentioned the fact that there is
groups that go out and do it. I know the
Lions Club is looking for -- looking for
a project, and we're in the process of,
you know, working with them.

It'll be nice if we could get some
of the residents to form a little --
little committee. You know, I know they
walk it a lot. You know, we're friends
of certain trails; that would work out
really well.

We certainly would put a receptacle there so they could, you know, put the stuff into a receptacle or maybe just leave the bags there and we would pick up the bags. It would be a big help for us. And I mean, there's people that walk it every single day, you know, look for that kind of stuff. Our guys just don't have -- we just don't have the people or the time to do it every single day. But that would be -- that would be something, I think, would be a good -- it'd be good for, you know --

THE COURT: So I think that's a great idea, friends of the trail.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.

MAYOR KELLY: I think that's a great thing to see if we can start, you know, maybe rallying that.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Um-hum.

MAYOR KELLY: And you know, they have a couple of cleanup days a year or, whatever, once a month, and maybe just pick up the stuff. I think that would be
really helpful.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So Commissioner Scirocco is right, just for people who are concerned about the state of the trail. When we finalized and adopted the 2020 budget, we did include a trail and trail maintenance team, you know, the actual -- we were going to go out and hire some people to start maintaining our trails, and it was one of the first things cut because pretty early on in 2020, COVID hit.

So you know, it is my hope that at some point, because the city will rebound, that all of those items that, you know, we were looking so forward to: growing the city, growing the department, making sure we could take care of our trails, you know, through all the different weather and seasons we have will absolutely start to make its way back into the budget as things improve.

MAYOR KELLY: Right.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Mayor, I'd
just like to piggyback on hat
Commissioner Madigan said earlier,
because I remember early on when she was
in office about the recycling bins. And
I go up to Maine a couple times a year,
and in Maine, what they have is they have
recycling bins that are -- and I
didn't -- I saw the emails from the high
school students. But what you see pretty
prevalent through Maine is solar-powered
recyclable bins so they actually, you'll
say, were glass or plastic and it
actually compacts it all. You see that
all through Maine. I think I had sent
her pictures of that a couple -- maybe
five or six years ago. Time goes by
quickly, so -- you know, on that end.
I think it's a great -- also,
relating to the trails and whatever, I
think, you know, donated labor, and I'd
also reach out to Wally Allerdice and a
couple of our hardware stores to see if
we can get to -- whether it's fencing or
other materials that they would be
willing to, maybe, donate or go to
Adirondack Trust. They have a donation system; maybe we -- these trails -- we could reach out for some of that for some of the materials also till we get through this bump in the road.

MAYOR KELLY: Great. Okay All sounds good. Thank you, Council.

Moving on to our presentations this evening.

The final draft documents of the UDO have been published to the city website including the maps.

At the first meeting in May, I will ask the council to determine merit for review and request advisory opinions from the city and county planning boards and design review commission.

During the coming week, additional opportunities for discussion of the final draft will be scheduled for the council and for the public.

There is a public comment link on the UDO webpage on our website.

Camiros is joining us tonight to present a summary of the major changes
that are reflected in this final draft.

Camiros and the project team will also be available this week for the following presentations: April 21st at 2 p.m., April 22nd at 9:30 a.m., and those are both public presentations with Q and As. And April 22nd at 6 p.m., the city land use board's presentation.

Now, I will turn it over to Arista and Chris, who are on this call with us tonight to go over the up -- the final draft. Thank you.

MR. DELEONARDIS: Mayor --

MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

MR. DELEONARDIS: -- if it's all right, before you do, I was just going to provide a little --

MAYOR KELLY: Sure. Go ahead, Vince.

MR. DELEONARDIS: As you indicated, we're going to have a presentation these evening by Arista and Chris from Camiros on draft 3 of the UDO order, unified development ordinance. They are going to summarize the document and indicate
changes that have been made from draft 2, 
but before we do, I want to just provide
a little bit of background on what we are
doing and the steps that we have taken to
get to this point.

As articulated in New York General
City Law, the authority to undertake
comprehensive planning and to regulate
land use are among the most important
powers and duties granted to a city
government. City council most recently
undertook efforts at comprehensive
planning through the establishment of a
comprehensive plan committee back in
2013. That committee initiated a review
and proposed updates of the city's then-
existing 2001 comprehensive plan.

Following your extensive review,
which spanned more than a year and a
half, the committee forwarded a draft
plan, future land use map, and proposed
amendments to the city council, who,
after conducting its own review, holding
public workshops, receiving advisory
opinions, conducting public hearings, and
undertaking the required SEQR environmental analysis adopted the comprehensive plan on June 16th, 2015.

Once the comprehensive plan was adopted, the city was required under state law to review its land use regulations to ensure that they are in accord with the adopted plan.

In that regard, the city had also received a grant from NYSERDA to update and unify all land use regulations, including the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, and standard construction details, and to incorporate components from the city's open-space master plan, complete streets policy and urban community forest master plan into a single, coordinated, unified development ordinance all in accordance with the comprehensive plan.

The city initially retained a consultant back in September of 2015 who worked with a technical review advisory committee for more than two years, but was ultimately unable to complete the
The council voted to terminate the contract with the prior consultant back on January 2nd 2018, and August 7th of that year, voted unanimously to authorize a contract with Camiros to develop the UDO.

While development of the ordinance progressed, and in an effort to rely on the city zoning with the comprehensive plan, Camiros presented an initial amendment for the zoning map back on March 12th, 2019, which included eighteen designated zoning changes.

The city council voted to approve the zoning map changes on December 23rd, 2019 after reviewing the required advisory opinions from the city and county planning boards, conducting public hearings and SEQR environmental review.

On January 7th, 2020, draft 1 of the UDO was released to the public and presented to the city council. Camiros also provided a number of presentations of the draft to the public as well, as
did DRC and the planning board.

Multiple Q-and-A sessions were also held by city staff in an effort to provide the public with an opportunity to discuss the UDO, ask questions, and provide input.

Public comment remained open from January 7th through February 21st, and as has been discussed at prior meetings, directly influenced draft 2 which was released to the public on September 16th of last year.

Like draft 1, draft 2 was also presented by Camiros to the city council, the DRC, the planning board, and the public on multiple occasions.

Five separate Q-and-A sessions were again provided between October 22nd and November 18th both virtually and in-person, and city staff met with any and all individuals of groups who requested it in a continuing effort to provide the public with the opportunity to participate in the process.

Public comment remained open from
September 16th through December 11, 2020, and we ultimately received in excess of 180 comments. All comments, suggestions, and input received from the public had been taken seriously and were thoroughly discussed and deliberated as we progressed toward developing draft 3, which brings us where we are today, in which Arista and Chris, without any further ado, will now present.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Vince. I have one comment to say that the registration link for the Zoom meetings with the -- about the UDO are on our city website. I just want to make sure everybody knew that.

Go ahead, Arista.

MS. STRUNGYS: Okay. Thank you all for having me this evening. Let me get my screen up, and can everybody see the document?

MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

MS. STRUNGYS: Okay. Great.

Well, thank you all for having us here this evening to present draft 3 of
the UDO, the April 2021 draft. And a lot of these slides will probably -- and the content -- will probably look familiar to you, which is really kind of a good thing because we're really getting down into kind of refinement of the details that's happening. So it's a good sign that these presentations become a little bit more streamlined as we head towards kind of the end -- the end goal of this.

Like draft 2.0 from September 2020, this is a redline document. So we show major deletions and strike-throughs. We show new additions in the blue underline. Those of you who use Word are familiar with this.

There are some minor, nonsubstantive changes that might not be shown, things like typos, grammar, any numbering corrections that we had to make. When the illustrations are modified to match the text, we don't show that in redline.

So you know, we're still kind of making cleanups to make sure it reads well, but you know, those that aren't
significant are likely not shown.

Again, the goal, and I think Vince covered a lot of this already, so I won't go through it in detail -- it's really to -- the goals of this update are implementing the comprehensive plan kind of first and foremost as well as a number of other plans that are part of this. And you'll see I didn't -- the slide, we even added in the historic preservation document that's also part of this as well.

Again, organizing it to be more user friendly, building in more abilities to do things by right, enhancing neighborhood character, improving conformance, creating a more predictable development environment. These are all the goals that we've been working towards in all of these different drafts.

Again, the comprehensive plan is one of the main documents that informs, you know, how the ordinance should be shaped, and you see a lot of these, again, kind of they repeat from our goals, but these
are our objectives: mixed-use developments, more interaction between the different elements that make up a city, community character, protecting environmental resources, looking at multi-model options. These are all things that we're working towards from the comprehensive plan specifically.

Many of you are familiar, as we've talked about many times, the use structure was updated. We did use -- continue to use a general-use approach. You know, we have definitions, we have standards. But perhaps our biggest changes moving into just this new use matrix that you see here -- this is the way that this looks now; this is from draft 3 -- really just showing you kind of the two ways into the use structure, whether it be in a district and I want to know what I can do, or whether I'm a use and I want to know what -- a use and I want to know what districts I can go into.

The major changes you'll see here in
draft 3.0 kind of relatively minor for what's going on in the uses. In particular, in the Gateway Commercial-R District, the rural, you'll see some of the more intensive commercial uses were removed. And as you looked in that use table, you'll see a number that were either permitted or special were removed with strikeouts, so they would no longer be allowed within that district.

We clarified certain use standards making it clear that a bed and breakfast is a conversion of a single family or two-family dwelling into that B&B. Looked at the historic carriage house and barn dwellings, prohibiting expansions of those once that use has been allowed, where the secondary dwelling kind of related that historic carriage house where the can be located in relation to the principal building.

Requiring parks and playgrounds when they're not especially used to require administrative site plan review because they can bring a lot of people into the
neighborhoods, and we want to make sure they're done correctly.

Clarified and specified medium rooming house requires site plan review, and then we did some updates to the solar and wind provisions. Those greater than twenty-five megawatts, those require the review and a permit from the Office of Renewable Energy Sitings. So that was a state update that happened in between draft 2.0 and 3.0, and we just created an alignment.

On the residential districts, you know, really, as you look through these, just some minor clarifications to how these are applied but no significant substantive changes to this structure or many of the provisions.

As we said before, the current UR-5 and UR-7 have been eliminated. You'll see some new regulations new to the UDO as a whole, but not new from draft 2.0. These were in draft 2.0: the maximum impervious surface, first-floor elevations, and corner-side setbacks.
As we talked about in draft 2.0, just to reassure everyone, in draft 2.0, we reverted UR-1 through UR-4 back to their original standards. We've maintained that in this current draft that we have reduced the building height to forty feet and clarified some of the language regarding front setback averaging and how that is allowed.

The mixed-use and commercial districts, the structure stays the same. This is what you saw again in the previous drafts, and the same for kind of a couple of variations at this point.

You can see it's divided again: the residential and mixed-use districts; commercial mixed-use districts; which is really the T-5, T-6; commercial districts, which is the office medical, water related. And then the Gateway Districts: the GCU, the Gateway Urban, and the Gateway Rural.

And again, the one major change to Gateway Rural was removal and permissions for some of the commercial uses that were
previously allowed in draft 2.0.

Again, the public civic space requirement remains there since we've cleaned it all up. In draft 3.0 it's, I think, a little bit easier for people to read.

Really, the only change we made here was to make sure that we, as part of, you know, the things that can be done to meet this requirement, providing for trail access is specifically allowed as one of those things.

So standards for how it should be designed, the amount of it, those have remained the same; we've just clearly specified trail access.

The institutional districts have remained as they are. We have educational, horse track, municipal, parkland, and recreation. So those are essentially carried over the same from 2.0.

Also, the industrial districts. The light industrial which had brought in the current Warehouse District, the General
Industrial, and the Industrial Extraction District. Again, the same as what you saw in 2.0.

Within the special purpose districts, again, it's the same set. What we did was clarify in the Water Protection Overlay District it used to be, as you see there, underlined with the fifty is a hundred linear feet of land and waters identified as Class I and Class II, freshwater wetlands by the commissioner of the NYSDEC, or -- and this is where the change is made -- or within fifty linear feet of federal wetlands. It changed from one hundred linear feet.

The floodplain remains a reference to the city code.

Historic review and architectural review. Again, the two processes have been combined into one overlay, but the two processes maintain their distinct identities within those.

Assumed development standards that were found within there, we clarified
that, you know, steep slope preservation
and that, you know, when even a single
family or two families -- really, this
provision here -- is building in a steep
slope area that they would require site
plan review.

Done some -- you know, clarified
many of the exterior lighting
requirements. Nothing significantly
substantive changed there. It's more
organizational, the changes, you'll see
in there.

And then finally, the newest thing
that we added to address this is the
sight triangles, so basically maintaining
that area. This is currently what was,
especially, in place now in the way that
the city takes care of that visibility
triangle. What we wanted to address were
lots that didn't do that complete ninety
degrees. So you see here if it's eighty
degrees or less, the distance increases
so that we can maintain that area of
vision.

So this is really the refinement,
this second drawing here at forty-five feet, that really shows you how this is applied on more odd shaped lots at the inter -- located at the intersection of streets.

Again, the full range of common structures, everything from fences to private horse stables, sustainable structures such as EV charging, home occupations, all of these have been carried over from draft 2.0.

And then you'll see again, permitted encroachments. This has remained the same, but just to remind everybody kind of the end of that Chapter 9 kind of shows things that can encroach into required setbacks.

In terms of parking, you know, some bigger changes were done in draft 2.0 where we added more bike parking requirements. Here, we've looked at more indirect. 3.0, we've accepted those changes and started to look at kind of a couple of things that we needed to tweak within here.
One of the ones was in -- previously in 2.0, parks and playgrounds did not have a parking requirement associated with them. And then upon discussion and understanding kind of the impacts of what happens with parks and areas when it came to the compromise that parking would be required for parks that are one or more acres in size.

We looked at electric vehicle spaces, and when we looked at parking lots that have thirty or more spaces as part of them, that either five percent of them required spaces be EV-capable or EV-ready. Or alternately, you can do two percent of those spaces as EV, electric vehicle, installed.

And then we made a definition, those terms, you see here: capable, ready, installed. Those definitions are also within the ordinance as well now. And again, just the table that you saw carried over from last time shows you what's required and how much bike parking is required.
In terms of landscape, one of the changes was we changed from shade trees and evergreen trees to broadleaf and coniferous to match up with other plants within the city.

We reverted back to the draft 1.0 standard for species diversity. So you see that there, that table's pulled out of draft 3.0. It'll look familiar to anybody who saw it in draft 1.0. It's the same table, just moved over. And made that species diversity part of the design section, 11.2 of that chapter, so that it can be modified by the planning board as needed. And again, I'm going to be addressing all the different aspects of site developments in relation to landscaping.

So you see things again along parking lot perimeters, within parking lot interiors, and then buffer yard requirements.

Signs has been maintained relatively the same from draft 2.0, the only change in the projection of blade signs to
thirty inches.

Classic signs again, those are still in there as well, talking about, you know, preserving some of the more unique signs that may not fit in with the standard. So that provision remains.

And you can see here, we regulate is prohibited, signs that are permitted but exempt from permit and signs that are allowed with permit.

We've been working with the administration to make sure -- we've been working with staff to make sure that the administration section is accurate. Many of the changes you'll see in here are really just clarifications of language. Really, nothing substantive. I mean much of this is we are hemmed in by the way New York State allows for these permits and various approvals to operate.

One of the ones you will see is that in the notice type, some distinctions have been made for demolition. And so you'll see here what's been edited in historic review demolition where it's
just a public meeting. Published and mailed notice is not required; just posted on the property.

Where you do have a public hearing, whether historic review or architectural review in its demolition of significant structures, all three forms of notice are now required: published, mailed, and posted on property.

Subdivision in the previous drafts, what you saw, we had a standard subdivision process and what we were calling an administrative subdivision, we've essentially kind of changed the administrative subdivision into an administrative action.

So you see here where that would apply. It'd be the consolidation of two or more adjoining lots. Minor amendments. You already filed subdivision plans. And making it clear that if anything's got SEQR as part of it, it cannot be used for an administration action. So therefore, everything else would go to a standard
The subdivision process.

And again, conservation design has remained, required in rural residential. And suburban residential is optional in the other residential districts.

The public improvements. Again, much of this has not been changed. You'll see the reference to various things here. Either it's a reference to right of way in Article 18, reference to city engineering details. This ties in as well with stormwater management, which is Article 17, which, again, changes have been accepted from draft 2.0. No new substantive changes have been proposed to these.

The one that does have a substantive change -- and if you remember, in 2.0, we added back in the recreation land requirement. We've accepted that change but then further refined it in this draft. So now, this recreation land requirement becomes open space preservation and recreation land requirement.
Again, like the current process, the planning board would determine whether open space or recreation land is needed. If so, it would need to be a minimum of ten percent of the land area.

You currently have a Class A type and a Class B type. Let me just try to be clear what those mean. Class A being active recreation land. Class B being passive recreational land, open space. And then added in the references to how this could be managed. And you'll see, that is something that was in some of the previous drafts. It's now back in this draft because we need some guidance. They can either be an HOA, a homeowners association, a condo association, a private conservation organization, or in very limited circumstances, through private ownership.

I comprehensively addressed the public realm. You see again the standards that we put in kind of clarified how the multi-use path works. In terms of the right-of-way types, we've
altered the one that used to be formerly neighborhood yield street. We went with the current specs that are in place for the -- in the current engineering specs for a neighborhood one-way street.

So this new street really aligns with the way things are done more closely in the City of Saratoga Springs.

And you see here just the examples are still within there, everything going from a rural to four-lane divided.

The nonconformity standards for use, structure, lot of records, site elements, and signs, these have all remained the same as they were. We did a lot of cleanup in draft 2.0 to make sure that there weren't a lot of refinements. Those have been carried over into this draft 3.0.

And with that, I'm going to turn this over to Chris and let him talk you through any of the map changes.

MR. JENNETT: All right. Thanks, Arista.

So I'm just going to really quickly
walk through some of the changes that
you'll see on the map, from draft map 1
to draft map 2.

draft map 1 went along with draft 2
of the UDO, and draft map 2 is going
along with draft 3 of the UDO, just to
kind of clarify exactly how these relate
to each other.

So if you're looking for changes
between the first draft of the map and
this draft, what you're going to find is
really just predominantly cleanups and
very minor edits. So maybe things have
been mislabeled before and those have now
been corrected. Lot splits have been
either reinstated or resolved with some
staff guidance. Really, just very minor
stuff moving from the first draft to this
draft and largely cleanup.

So as I said when we first presented
this map, and it's largely the same, the
major of the city remains unchanged from
the current zoning map to this one, and
by that, I mean if you're within the UR-3
District, in all likelihood, moving
forward to the new map, you're going to
be in the UR-3 District. Similar to UR-
2, we'll port over to UR-2, and so on and
so forth.

The alternative is that you might be
mapped to an equivalent district. So for
instance, if you were in the T-4, the
Transect 4 District, before, now you'll
probably end up in the Urban Neighborhood
District, which is an equivalent district
in terms of intent in the way that that
district operates. So while it's not the
same district, we consider that to be an
equivalent.

Same thing with the previous SR-1
and SR-2, those Suburban Residential
Districts, those have been consolidated
into one Suburban Residential District.
So that's considered an equivalent
district.

The things that we do consider
changes are sort of larger categorical
shifts.

So say I was a commercially zoned
property before, and now I'm in an
industrially zoned property, or I was a residentially zoned property, and now I'm a commercially zoned property. Those are things that we've considered changes moving forward.

So the route, basically, of all of those changes that you'll see indicated on the map is the 2015 comprehensive plan that was adopted by the city. Practical considerations that arose as we were actually putting this -- the draft and video together. So for instance, the elimination of the UR-5 and UR-7, we needed to figure out districts for those to go into. And then staff recommendations based upon their expertise of particular conditions.

So on the right-hand side here where you can see it's just a closeup of what the map looks like. So as you're reviewing, you can see everything is nicely labeled. You don't have to constantly be referring back to the legend. That's a pet peeve requirement, which is -- I'm colorblind, so legends
don't work. So everything is nicely labeled so that you can see what districts are maps to where.

Next slide, please.

So within the package of maps that are up on the website, this is the first one that you'll see. It's the proposed zoning map. This is, basically, everything that we've just talked about. It's all labeled. It's all the proposed new zoning districts.

If you'd click through, Arista?

We've also included the proposed zoning map with areas of change indicated. So again, as I mentioned, those larger or categorical shifts will all be indicated with sort of a thicker black outline, very similar to how it worked in draft 1.

Next slide, please.

We've also included a series of overlay maps, the architectural review overlay district being one that's had a couple minor changes. No changes from draft 1 of this map to draft 2 just in
case you're looking for them. We've included the historic zoning.

Would you click through again.

No changes to historic zoning either; it's, basically, just a port over of the data in data format. All right.

And we do have the wide protection overlay districts that is currently being worked through. We're just trying to resolve a few last issues with staff on that map before we shared the map. It's very close as well and will appear shortly, I would imagine. That's it.

MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you.

Any comments from the council?

MS. STRUNGYS: Thank you very much for that work. I appreciate it.

MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. It really is -- it's a daunting process, and I think it's great that work -- we're getting to the finish line here.

And I do want to say that we are going to have these open Q and As coming up and I hope that, you know, the public, you know, participates in them, and I
think that, you know, we're listening.
We've made a lot of changes along the way
from day one, and I do appreciate my
staff and Camiros -- Arista and Chris
especially, for all their patience
through COVID and getting this project
coming to the end. So thank you both.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: I still think
it would be really cool if we could run
some test cases through at some point. I
don't know if that was still something
that was being considered or on the
table, but I think that would be really
helpful, if possible.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. We are going to
do that, yeah.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Awesome.
Thank you.


Anything else?

Well, thank you both for joining us
tonight, and I'll see you in the next
couple days.

MR. JENNETTE: Thank you.

MS. STRUNGYS: Thank you so much.
MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

Now, moving on to our consent agenda. Are there any changes or additions?

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

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The matter passes. Thank you.

Onto the mayor's Department. First item is an announcement to capital -- 2022 capital program committee meetings.

I wanted to let the council know and the public know that the Capital Program Committee has begun its regular meetings scheduled to discuss and prepare a proposal requested of -- for requested projects for the 2022 capital budget.
The committee will present its recommendations for the 2022-2027 capital program to the council for adoption on August 17th.

My second item is an announcement. Geyser Road Trial opening, Thursday -- this Thursday, April 22nd, at 11 a.m., and that is also Earth Day. The City of Saratoga Springs is proud to announce the opening of the Geyser Road Trail. This Thursday at 11 a.m., we will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony in celebration of opening the trail in Veteran's Memorial Park.

The Geyser Road Trial project is a result of successful collaborative efforts by the City of Saratoga Springs, the Southwest Neighborhood Association, the New York State Department of Transportation, Capital District Transportation Committee, Capital District Transportation Authority, Saratoga County, Saratoga Spa State Park, and many supportive local citizens.

If driving to the ribbon cutting,
guests are encouraged to park in the
large parking lot off of Adams Road, walk
from the parking lot across the baseball
field to the ceremony site. Signs will
be posted to help guide you in the right
direction. Masks and social distancing
will be required.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Mayor, can I
just same something?

MAYOR KELLY: Sure. Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I think this
is terrific. You know, this project was
started even prior to my getting elected,
and I will give a shoutout kudos even to
my predecessor, Commissioner Ivins,
because I know that he actually, for a
while, kept this project alive on his
agenda.

So there have been a lot of elected
officials throughout the years that have
kept this project alive. I think at one
point in time, I even had something about
it on my agenda somewhere along the line.

And I will say that Mayor Yepsen did
a lot to get this project moving, but
congratulations to you because you got it over the finish line. And I think Thursday is going to be a celebration for the entire city. And maybe we, myself, you, we can even reach out to some of the former elected officials because there have been so many people involved keeping this project going and alive. So --

MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, this has been decades. So I think that -- and I appreciate your kind words, and I do know that, you know, that was one of my goals coming in as mayor is to bring this over the finish line, and we're doing it. So I hope that the council can join me on Thursday at 11. That would be terrific, if everybody could come and celebrate with us. So thank you for your comments, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:

Congratulations.

MAYOR KELLY: So my next -- my next item is discussion about approval to pay portion of invoice number 3880 to Nelcorp Electrical Contracting Corp. The
Recreation Department is requesting a fifty percent 2,460 dollars of invoice number 3880 for Nelcorp Electrical Contracting Corp., 35 North Kelly Avenue, Endwell, New York. The Saratoga Springs School District will pay the other fifty percent.

I move that the city council approve the portion to pay invoice number 3880 to Nelcorp Electrical Contracting. This is a motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes. Thank you.

My next item is discussion about authorization for the mayor to sign the 2021 State of New York Department of Health renewal application for a permit to operate Camp Saradac. This is an annual contract.
I move that the city council
authorize the mayor to sign a contract
with 2021 State of New York Department of
Health renewal application for a permit
to operate Camp Saradac. This is a
motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

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

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
The matter passes.

My next item is discussion about
authorization for the mayor to sign a
contract with All American Arena Products
for the Vernon Area (sic) dasher boards.

I move that the city council
authorize the mayor to sign a contract
with All American Arena Products for the
Vernon Arena dasher boards. This is a
motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

My next item is discussion about SEQR for Missing Links Project.

On June 16th, 2020, the City of Saratoga Springs established the city council as lead agency for Saratoga Missing Links Sidewalk Project. A resolution in SEQR part 1 were completed as part of this action.

The purpose of the Missing Links Sidewalk Project is to construct connections in gaps within existing sidewalks throughout the City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York.

This locally administered federal aid fund project will construct approximately 1.8 miles of sidewalk, 88 compliance crosswalks, amenities, curb installations, and drainage improvements.
throughout the city.

The Design Review Commission heard a presentation by the design team of the proposed Missing Links Sidewalk Project. At the March 24th meeting, the -- following further discussion at their April 7th meeting, the DRC provided a favorable advisory opinion to the city council with a unanimous vote of 7-0.

At this time, the city is now progressing with SEQR part 2 and 3 short forms.

Part 2 is used to decide whether those impacts will have no impact or a small impact or a moderate to large impact.

Part 3 is a determination of significance whose purpose is to summarize evaluations made during part 2 and then decide if the moderate to large impacts identified in part 2 will -- may be significant.

So now, I will read through part 2 of the SEQR short form.

"Will the proposed actions create a
material conflict with the adopted land
use plan or zoning regulations?" My
proposed answer is no, or small impact
may occur.

"Will the proposed action result in
a change in the use or intensity of use
of land?" My proposed answer is no, or
small impact may occur.

Number 3: "Will the proposed action
impair the character or quality of the
existing community?" My proposed answer
is no, or small impact may occur.

Number 4: "Will the proposed action
have an impact on the environmental
characteristics that cause the
establishment of critical environmental
area?" My proposed answer is no, or
small impact may occur.

Number 5: "Will the proposed action
result in an adverse change in the
existing level of traffic or affecting
existing infrastructure for mass transit,
biking, or walkway?" My proposed answer
is no, small -- small impact -- or small
impact may occur.
Number 6: "Will the proposed action cause an increase in use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conversation or renewable energy opportunities?" My proposed answer is no, or small impact may occur.

Number 7: "Will the proposed action impact existing, A) public/private water supplies?" My proposed answer is no, or small impact may occur. And part B of that is "Public/private wastewater treatment facilities". My proposed answer is no, or small impact may occur.

Number 8: "Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources?" My proposed answer is no, or small impact may occur.

"Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to the natural resources, wetlands, water bodies, groundwater, air quality, flora, and fauna"? My proposed answer is no, or small impact may occur.

"Will the proposed action result in
an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding, or drainage problems?" My proposed answer is no, or small impact may occur.

"Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?" My proposed answer is no, or small impact may occur.

Based on the information provided in part 1 of SEQR short environmental assessment form, the analysis of the information provided and presented in part 2 of this SEQR short environmental assessment form, I move that the SEQR negative declaration, since the project will not result in any large and important impacts and, therefore, is one that will have a significant -- will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. This is a motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
All those in favor, say aye.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO:  Aye.
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  Aye.
COMMISSIONER DALTON:  Aye.
COMMISSIONER FRANCK:  Aye.

MAYOR KELLY:  Any opposed?  The matter passes.

My next item is discussion and vote, approval for mayor to sign DEC01-T00972GG-3350000 contract for EV vehicle reimbursement.

On December 31, 2019, the City of Saratoga Springs purchased two Chevy Bolt electric vehicles. To help support the purchase, the city applied and received 10,000-dollar grant for the 2019 municipal zero emission vehicle clean vehicle rebate program. The attached contract with the DEC is for reimbursement to the city in the amount of 10,000 dollars, 5,000 per vehicle. The vehicles are currently being utilized in the Building Department and Department of Public Works.

I move that the city council approve the mayor to sign DEC01-T00972GG-3350000
(sic) contract for EV vehicle reimbursement. This is a motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.
MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
All those in favor, say aye.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.
COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.
COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.
MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
The matter passes.

And my eighth item is discussion and vote: zoning amendment request, merit for review and referral for advisory opinions, YMCA PUD, and I'm going to turn this over to Commissioner Franck.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor, item number 8, we've moved to our agenda for discussion and vote zoning amendment request, merit for review and referral for advisory opinions.
The proposed amendments, the YMCA PUD includes clarification of language, correction of typos, and the addition of permitted uses such as youth and family services, senior programming, elder care, sports and recreation, and preschool-age educational programs. Therefore, I move that the zoning text amendment proposed by the Saratoga Regional YMCA has merit for review and will be forwarded to the city and county planning boards for an advisory opinion. And that's a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you, Mayor.

And then my first item on the agenda is just a brief announcement, and we'll
give updates as we get closer. But

Grievance Day is the fourth Tuesday,
which is May 25th of this year.

Applications will be available on the
city's website effective May 1st for
residents to complete, should they wish
to grieve their assessment.

A box will be placed in the hallway,
accessible by the ramp door of city hall
for residents to drop off their grievance
package for review by the Board of
Assessment Review on May 25th. And as we
get closer at the next two meetings,
we'll give you some more updates.

Unfortunately, because of COVID,
we're not able, for the second year in a
row, to do our grievance class, but we'll
go -- we'll point you to the website that
has a lot of information on that
throughout the process. And that
concludes my agenda.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,

Commissioner.

On to finance, Commissioner Madigan.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
The first item on my agenda is an update on city finances. This is an ongoing report on city revenue, expenses, and cash flow, as well as the status of federal and state funding.

There is very little news to report on at this time. Sales tax for January through March includes only two months of estimated figures. Within the next six weeks, six to eight weeks, I will say that we will have first-quarter actuals. And I'm very excited to see how we actually do with sales tax for the city.

We do have a 6.3-million-dollar TAN, a tax anticipation note, due in full in June. We have another five-million-dollar TAN due in full in December. We have large expense disbursements in June, county and school taxes, debt servicing, and payroll for that month which will total 12.2 million dollars.

Cash flow depends, in part, on whether the city does, indeed, get reimbursed for large amounts that are
owed to us in reimbursements.

For example, the Geyser Road Trail, and I know you are working on that. But that is a large outstanding amount of money that we would like to see reimbursed to the city. Having that money in will also change our cash flow picture.

And of course, we do, I believe, still have in process the sale of real property.

So those two things could really help add to, you know, our fiscal issues that we're having right now.

VLT was fully restored in 2021-2022 New York State adopted budget. That's 2.3 million dollars. That's excellent. Unfortunately, there still is no data on the timing of the multi-year schedule of the 7.7 million dollars the city will receive for the American Rescue Plan. There's no timing on the data; how, when it's going to be disbursed, but, you know, we're paying close attention to that.
That's all I really have to say right now on that topic. This item will remain on my agenda for future council meetings.

I want -- I believe I have -- my next item is a discussion about SiFi Networks broadband, that citywide broadband project. You know, basically, fiber to the home and businesses, but I believe Scott Bradshaw has joined us. So I'm not sure if we can turn on his video. I'm going to --

MAYOR KELLY: He should be able to unmute and turn it on.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Scott, if you're on? There you are. Excellent. Everyone, this is Scott Bradshaw from SiFi Networks. I'm just going to speak for a few minutes, and then I'm going to turn it over to Scott for some comments, and then we have a discussion.

So I have asked SiFi Networks, who agreed on short notice, to speak tonight at the council meeting regarding our project.
I believe that there may be others tuning in from the U.K. and in the States. So it may be very early in the morning for, you know -- for -- well, you're not presenting from the U.K. Scott, but we may have people tuning in from the U.K.

So the citywide SiFi Networks fiber to the home and business project will bring a substantial increase in services to the city overall, including businesses and residents.

This is a project for the people, to be perfectly honest. It's a complicated project that does require interdepartmental cooperation, particularly between DPW and Finance, but we've also had a lot of involvement from Legal and the Mayor's Office, and Marilyn Rivers, our Director of Risk and Safety. And we are all doing our best to make it work without really overburdening one agency or department or another.

I do believe that the benefits far outweigh any work required, and I'm very
happy with the initiative of our various
departments to bring this fiber to the
home and business throughout our city.

Regarding SiFi standard details and
network design, we are at a stage where
we are now required to approve standard
engineering details. Standard details
are the basic details of how SiFi will go
about microtrenching in our city and
include the materials they will use for
our cold-weather climate, which Scott
will touch upon a little bit more when I
turn this over to him, the actual depth
of the trench, the structure, the cut,
and how we will reinstall and finish --
you know, install, reinstall when we need
to, and finish the project.

After we approve these standard
details -- and SiFi will lay our city out
in a grid, the network -- and determine
which areas are easily microtrenched and
which areas are not, and that's when all
the permitting will come into play. But
everything will be based on the standard
engineering details.
SiFi is understandably reticent to spend any more time, money working with our city if we cannot agree to standard engineering details for the project.

So first, we need to indicate our willingness to see this project forward by agreeing to standards. We already agreed to microtrenching as a technology in our development agreement, which was voted on, discussed by the city attorney, unanimously by the city council.

So now, we need to go to the next step which is to agree to the standard details. Agreeing to details does not mean that they will be trenching tomorrow. We still have an entire permitting process to go through.

Let’s see. I circulated an update and information about microtrenching this afternoon regarding the process, which also included links and links to a video. So there was a lot in there about pros and cons and videos of -- to microtrenching.

Some of the points, if you had a
chance to look through some of that data, include the following.

Microtrenching is the way companies are now laying fiber throughout the United States. This includes companies like Google, Verizon, Crown Castle, et cetera. It allows for municipalities to offer fiber to the home and businesses at a reasonable low cost rate with limited disruption in streets, and is the preferred method over macrotrenching or, basically, digging up the entire street at a cost that is too high for companies to absorb. This is the reason, as you will recall, when Verizon was moving forward with Fios, they did not come into the City of Saratoga Springs. They came almost up to our boarder and determined it was too expensive to go any further.

When we began discussions with SiFi, I want to say, maybe, late 2015 into 2016, microtrenching was a relatively new method here in the States. We didn't see a lot of that, but that is no longer the case. This is no longer considered
cutting edge here in the States, but a practice that is being used by many municipalities to control costs and build competitive fiber networks, talking about 10-gig access to the home and to business at a very reasonable rate -- about sixty dollars a month is an estimate -- and at no cost to the city to build the fiber infrastructure network.

I have personally talked with cities who have positive things to say about their progress, and how thrilled they are to be getting a fiber-rich city infrastructure in their community. SiFi now operates in eleven cities and in five different states, and that grows every day, including cities that have moved forward, have surpassed us because they have been able to accept standard engineering details.

We have been working with SiFi for five, six years now. The city's team has had countless meetings with SiFi's team. These meetings have included the city attorney, risk and safety. DPW has been
invited to many, if not all, of these meetings. So some of these thirteenth-hour concerns is what I'm hoping to dispel this evening.

We've had several years to evaluate microtrenching. SiFi made a presentation to us several years ago with a video about microtrenching. And again, we agreed to the development contract.

So I think the city deserves to continue the 20 -- you know, and move into the twenty-first century. Having Wi-Fi capabilities is one of our best opportunities, broadband, internet to everyone in our community.

So with that, I'm going to turn it over to Scott because there are a few things that I know he can address, some issues that have come up over the last few days, including the kind of material we would be using in a cold-weather climate that has been approved by New York State and is being used in the state currently.

Thank you, Scott, for being here.
MR. BRADSHAW: Thank you. So I just want to make sure you can hear me before I rabbit on and -- I am listening to myself.

MAYOR KELLY: Yes, we hear you.

MR. BRADSHAW: I appreciate that.

First and foremost, thank you very much. It has been some considerable time since I've had the pleasure to speak with everybody and be in front of everybody in regards to the development between SiFi.

So with that said, if it's okay with everybody, I'd just like to really go back to the beginning, just spend a short moment of time in regards to where we were several years ago, how SiFi developed, how a number of things have developed, and really, where we are today in the exciting environment we're in, not only for Saratoga Springs, New York, but also, the other cities around the country that we're investing in and have agreements with to date.

So as every -- and Commissioner Madigan, thank you so much. A lot of
information thrown out there, so I'm just
going to touch on some of the points more
than anything else and as high a level as
possible.

So if everybody remembers, some new,
some old in regards to previous council.

Back in August 2018, we entered into a
development agreement with city council
of Saratoga Springs, New York with the
full intention of investing privately
tens of multimillions of dollars at
SiFi's one hundred percent risk with our
investors to build community fibers in
the premise infrastructure. Fibers in
the premise merely being every single
premise: church, community center,
residence, businesses, and also with the
opportunity to offer support the
municipality from smart city initiatives
at the time.

So once we had that agreement in
place, we then began the process of
looking at the engineering, looking at
the data in a lot more detail because
once we have the development agreement in
place, SiFi begins to absorb substantial costs. And again, because this is a nontaxpayer, nonmunicipal subsidy, everything's on SiFi. We do get very granular in regards to what -- how many premises are in reality in place, what is the construction distances, what internet service providers would like to come onto an open-access platform, so maybe just to reiterate that point.

The FiberCity model that we provided we're providing in all the communities we're in to date have agreements with -- it is an open access platform. So any service provider, whether it be broadband, telemedicine, smart city initiatives, IoT devices, they are all welcome on the infrastructure. SiFi is not the ISP. We are the developer bringing it to fruition if we just create very private financially sustainable model for a very long period of time.

So as we got into the engineering, really, into late 2018, early 2019, we -- let's call it, we hit a bullet, an
unexpected one that even city staff were not aware of is that once we actually acquired a lot of the postal address data, unfortunately, what became clear was there was thousands of residencies that were utilizing ZIP code certain addresses in the city for whatever reason but actually didn't reside in your jurisdiction.

So once we actually looked at your jurisdiction with actually more accurate data at that time -- we'll get into that in a lot more detail -- it became clear that the financial structure was very, very difficult. I'm just being as candid as I can there.

So to invest in as a one hundred percent opportunity, it was going to take a different way of looking at this.

At that time, we -- and still are to date -- we were partnering with a very large pension fund. That pension fund manages well over 500 U.S. billion dollars, and who, at that time, had an interest in Saratoga until the position
changed. Whether it was several thousand
premises that we could potentially
provide service to, that ultimately
changed the amortization model, the
attractiveness for a pension fund.

But we made a commitment to city
council. We said we wanted to build this
for the community. The incumbents were
not stepping up. They were not investing
in fiber. And I think as we stand to
date, everybody's also fully aware
they're still not investing in fiber into
the homes.

So we had to take a step back. We
didn't give up. We unfortunately lost
the pension fund as the primary investor.
So we took a step back. We went through
multiple other partners that we were
engaged with, and finally, we were able
to represent Saratoga Springs as an
investable opportunity to an American
investment bank who ultimately today
would like to invest in the community.

So as I say, we hit a hurdle, which
is unfortunate, based upon the data which
was significantly inaccurate. We took it on the chin. We'd already absorbed a lot of cost at that time. We came back. We managed to make it work, and this is where we are today.

So during that process over the last couple years, really between 2018 and 2021 as we sit here, a number of things have happened to -- I guess to Commissioner Madigan's point. We now have agreements in an additional eleven cities. Actually, and I'd be rudely (indiscernible) to talk about Fullerton.

Fullerton, California was, and still is, our first FiberCity community, FiberCity being the brand of the investment where we built for our entire city to create a ubiquitous footprint.

Fullerton today, the mayor -- the new mayor of Fullerton could not have been a biggest (sic) advocate if he tried. He will speak to any city to applaud the impact the investment is making into the community, the responses he is receiving from the community in
regards to the competition, bearing in mind that at that time, before we ever put a spade in the ground, we brought two brand new internet service providers to that community.

We initially invested seventy to eighty-million dollars of private investment without tax-based subsidies. And as it stands now, we are actually on -- service provider on that open access competing network are offering one of the lowest costs in the country for symmetrical fiber internet, that a gigabyte speed down, a gigabyte speed up for the residents, and that is sixty dollars. It is an absolutely unprecedented position. The competition is awesome. And for the business, it's only ninety-nine dollars. So that's been the dynamics.

What happened in Fullerton was, it's been a very difficult process for SiFi. We entered into an agreement originally with the director of public works. Unfortunately for SiFi, that gentlemen
decided to retire, so it was almost like starting the process again.

We then went through the education process and microtrenching with Fullerton to bring the city engineers up to speed and how we're going to build it, which we began to. And then one by one, unfortunately, each city engineer decided to leave Fullerton. So we have continued to go through a re-education process.

Why Fullerton is not able to retain city engineers, we're unsure of that. But I say through that entire history the last few years, it's almost been -- SiFi has had to begin the process of educating them.

But as we stand here today now, we have a substantial footprint in the community. We have many, many live customers. And as I say, we absolutely use Fullerton's (audio interference) location for all new communities that which to receive a five- or six- year investment.

So as I said, during that period, we
know have the total ten -- sorry; twelve cities that we are either having vested in or are investing in. That covers six different states from warm states to cold-weather states.

So examples would be Fullerton as I just mentioned. Their adjoining community, we have just closed funding on. That is Placentia, which is great news. So we'll be breaking ground very shortly in Placentia.

So you can imagine if we weren't doing things right in Fullerton, the adjoining city would certainly not be signing up to receive connectivity, for which we just closed on the funding with that, several millions of dollars as well.

Through to Northern California, through to very cold-weather states: Rockford in Illinois. That's a community of about 82,000 units, what we call premises. About five, six million feet of construction, to Kenosha, Wisconsin. And you know, your closest being in
regards to East Hartford, Connecticut and Salem, Massachusetts.

So during the period of time, we've entered into those partnerships, they signed a very similar development agreement that you kindly signed. It was back in August 2018. And they also approved the engineering standards. And those engineering standards are really as they sound. They are a set of standard techniques that we will apply a citywide designer on.

So it's not the case of we are submitting a permit, we actually go through a different process back when we entered into an agreement with yourselves. It was a development agreement, and then we ratified the standards.

To date, when we actually got through a development agreement process, we have to have our engineering standards appended as an exhibit to the development agreement, and the Department of Public Works and Engineering, and also city
council, approved them at the outset.

So you can see at that point, there's no funding, there's no permit. That's just city council approving the documents, which is where we really are today with Saratoga in the same instance.

So what that really means of where we are, SiFi, how we've developed, we will now be funding, how should I say -- we've actually raised with our pension fund partner, APG, over 450 million dollars to invest in a multitude of these communities. That's just the initial funding.

We are going to be taking fiber optic cable to half a million units throughout the country, and that is well over 5,000 miles of microtrenching construction, all based upon the standards that you have in hand to date.

So I can go through the process. I think with Saratoga, we're in for a, give or take, 240 miles, about 1.2 million feet of construction. That was going to be funded by an American investment bank.
So it's always good to see American money retaining in the country.

So where we are is quite critical and very key. We are, as well -- as we would say, we are ready to go. We have the investment -- private investment. There is no tax base subsidy. We already have the development agreement in place with you. We have service providers that would like to come to the community, and we have construction partners that we probably have the most experience in the country from the microtrenching perspective.

Even though you've actually -- you agreed to the microtrenching process back in 2018, we have presented standards that are no different than the other eleven cities are employing in -- for other -- various other states in the country.

The reinstatement product that we are proposing to use, we believe to be the best in the market, and that is actually approved by New York City DOT. Has been used for many years. It was
actually the microtrenching-approved product in New York City for Verizon when they did it many years ago.

It's also approved as a New York -- New York Thruway -- by the New York Thruway Authority. It's been used as the approved product for the Tappan Zee Bridge, or the new Governor Cuomo Bridge. So it is very much a recognized and approved every single product. So that's really why we approach and approached in New York.

We are applying it elsewhere, but very much to keep in line with what's been recognized and approved in the state, we want to keep that consistency, so that's why we are hoping to use it in Saratoga Springs.

But I'll just give you some additional significant confidence. That product and the reinstatement product right now is being used in Hagerstown, Maryland. That's about 150 miles of construction. It's being used in other climates such as in Canada, in Montreal,
Ontario. It's actually being used in Chicago. It's being used in Virginia. It's about to be used in Columbus, in Cleveland, Ohio, and also Centennial, Colorado. All very similar environments to yourself.

So we feel we're in good stead. We have the right -- we believe we have the right product, merely being New York State's approving it. Multiple states have already approved it and implementing it on a very large scale.

So what we need is authorization from your Engineering Department with -- we have not only provided the standards, which I'll go onto in a second, we've also provided all the insurances as per the development agreement that was requested us, per your risk and safety, and as per engineering. We have what -- we feel we've gone above and beyond to provide all necessary insurances. We've even provided a New York standard engineer DOC standards document to -- I say it's to satisfy the Engineering
And we also provided three different references. So one's in Boston, Massachusetts where it's been for a while. One is in Alaska. That one was very -- very different in that microtrenching was used a very long time ago. It wasn't received very well.

So the actual engineering firm that we are looking to use in Saratoga Springs was actually -- went back in to remediate the existing issues they have had, and it went that well that the city council unanimously approved and adopted an ordinance to accept the microtrenching process with the same engineering firm that -- as I said, the leading engineering firm that we have to bring to your community.

And then Eagan, Minnesota and the DPW -- I actually reached out to the DPW director of Eagan, Minnesota today to just see how things are going because the manufacturer of the reinstatement product has a very good relationship with them.
And that DPW director is still waiting -- which is quite shocking for us -- he's still waiting to receive a call from yourselves in regards to that reference because he welcomes any call in regards to not only microtrenching but the product that we're recommending today.

The product there has been in place for about six years, and he can only jump leap and bounds in regards to the use of the product we're recommending in Saratoga Springs, the microtrenching process that we're also recommending.

So I say as of today, our understanding is that call's not been made to the DPW director, but he's waiting on the end of the phone to have that reference contact with your -- with the Saratoga engineering team.

But circling back to the standards, we're in a critical position, as I mentioned earlier, because we cannot move forward. We -- we have everything in place, but the one thing we need to do is move to the engineering of the entire
city now. But there needs to be a set of standards to how we engineer. Just like you build a hotel, there needs to be a standard of how you go to build -- how you're going to build a foundation, the structure.

So the standards, as I say, that's been presented and we stand by New York licensed engineer, are just the -- is a standard document we now append at the beginning to all new partnerships we're entering into with cities, and it is a basis of how we will then engineer the entire city. Not a permit. We're not raising any permits. We're now going to engineer the city.

Once that's in place, we actually sit down with the DPW Engineering Department. We will go through the various ways we, you know, engineered the design. Gain some feedback. Do we need to change anything? You know your roads and community better than we do.

Once we have that feedback, we'll then break the community into multiple
work zones and that's when we'll start
issuing permits, in which we will welcome
your feedback.

So --

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Okay, Scott, I'm going to stop you there, because we're having some freezing on both ends; your end and my end.

MR. BRADSHAW: Oh, you bet.

MAYOR KELLY: Now, I'm going to turn it back over to Commissioner Madigan.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: We'll, I'd like to open it up for a discussion now. I think both -- both Scott, SiFi, and I have made it clear that we're at this stage. We've been working on this for many, many years. We want to work with DPW. We want to work with Engineering.

But we are at the stage where, you know, we've already got an agreement with them. They've already invested a lot of money. We're talking about, you know, maybe a sixty -- once it's all installed, our residents are looking at, you know,
potentially, around sixty dollars a month for, you know, we're -- fiber to the home. Businesses about a hundred dollars a month.

I checked on what Spectrum, Charter, Time Warner are charging today for, like, 400 -- where are my notes? Where are my notes? Hold on a second. Because I wanted to just get an idea, right -- a comparison of what -- they charge about 110 dollars for 400, you know, megabytes that's down and 35 megabytes up, right. So you can already see there's like a very competitive price right there.

We're not paying to install this amazing infrastructure that we might be able to get. Microtrenching is the technology that is being used right now throughout the United States.

So you know, there's just a lot of positives to this. So at this point, we need to indicate, I think, quite clearly to SiFi if we are ready to move, accept the standard engineering details, and if we're ready to move to the next step.
And I think tonight's meeting, you know, everything is hinging on it, to be honest with you, for SiFi and for the city. So I would like to open it up to the rest of the council.

MAYOR KELLY: I don't have any comments. You know, it's not within my department. So --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Mayor. I appreciate that.

It is within DPW and, basically, it's a DPW project. And DPW has spent a lot of hours, a lot of, you know, working with -- working with SiFi, you know, for this project. As a matter of fact, I think it was probably about a year ago, maybe a little -- well, actually, while we were going through the renovation of the city hall, I met with representatives of SiFi for the aggregation shelters, and I gave them the locations because they asked me for locations. So regardless if you think I'm not supportive of this project, I am supportive of the project.
My concern is -- and I sent a memo around to the council and I think everybody got it, but you know something, I'm going to read it to the public because I think it's a good memo, and I think it pretty much spells out the reason why I have some concerns with the -- with microtrenching.

And I'll just start with, "DPW Engineering have reviewed a network construction detail submitted by SiFi and investigated references to determine if microtrenching is a feasible construction method for the City of Saratoga Springs. There are outstanding items that need resolution. These comes down to two primary issues.

"One is SiFi standard details. Representative of SiFi are requesting that I approve their submitted details for microtrench construction. I have requested their entire network design to understand when this construction will occur. Typically, the network design and construction details would be submitted
together. SiFi has said the network
design will come later. I believe that
we need to know where they will be
constructing the network to be able to
approve how they will microtrench.

"Number two. References of
microtrench construction in cold weather
climates. A significant concern on city
streets is a long term impact of
microtrenching in a freeze-thaw cycle.
SiFi has not built a network yet in a
cold weather climate. However, SiFi
provided three cold-weather references
from their contractor and material
supplier for the construction and type of
materials. Those locations were Boston,
Mass.; Anchorage, Alaska; and Eagan,
Minnesota. Of the three, Boston returned
a positive reference.

"Boston, Massachusetts. The
building inspector from Boston provided a
positive reference for the limited use of
microtrenching in Boston. It was only
microtrenching in certain locations,
limited to lateral suit to adjacent
properties, not citywide. The inspector also recommended that the trench depth should be deeper than twelve inches.

"Anchorage, Alaska. Kent Kohlhase, the Anchorage municipal engineer outlined that Anchorage would not be a positive reference for microtrenching and that they have only allowed test locations to determine constructability. Their test locations failed, sometimes in as short of a period as a single winter.

"The attached presentation was put together" -- and I sent out -- sent a presentation out to the council -- "was put together by Ken Kohlhase and identified some of the issues they have experienced.

"Eagan, Minnesota. References from Eagan demonstrated that microtrenching was not successful due to the conduit not laying properly in the trench. This resulted in the fiber being ripped up. The decision in Eagan was to move the location of the fiber into the
greenspace, the right-of-way, due to the complications in the road.

"SiFi under construction in Fullerton, California, and that the reports have been mixed. Commissioner Madigan had indicated again that recent reports are positive. Attached are two local newspaper articles from December 2020 and February 2021 identifying issues and concerns in Fullerton.

"SiFi is proposing that the city accept the construction detail that has failed or been determined to be unacceptable from two of their own three references. Without adequate references, it is not possible to determine if microtrenching will be successful in Saratoga Springs.

"Another reason to justify through a review of the references to make certain this can work is because the engineer, John Liu, PE (ph.) submitting the details for SiFi has no experience working in cold-weather climates. He admittedly has only worked in California and warm-
weather climates."

"So in an effort to move forward, I am requiring the following: SiFi submit their full citywide network design.

"Number 2. SiFi conduct a micro-trench location in Saratoga Springs so we can determine how city streets and their construction method hold up through a winter season.

"And number 3. SiFi shall start making payments to the city for staff time associated with their approvals.

"The development agreement" -- and I know there was an agreement with the contract -- the contract "states that their payment begins at their first permit or approval. And again, I was not aware that we would be requiring other approval, such as construction details prior to their first payment of permit approval. Typically, these would all be submitted together, not piecemeal. These items will help to keep this project moving along."

Again, those are my concerns. I
certainly would meet with somebody to --
you know, to discuss those again. I --
you know, we take a lot of pride in our
streets. We don't know if you're going
to be trenching on one side or two sides.
We don't know, you know, if there's -- if
there's issues with undercutting in the
trench. Obviously, that's an issue.
We've just paved some roads. There's new
paving going on.

    I'm not opposed to the project.
I've never been opposed to the project.
But I -- you know, seeing is believing, I
think, in this situation here, and I'm
concerned of the impact -- the long-term
impact on city streets and what
microtrenching might do.

    So I don't know if you have any --
any answers or concerns with that, but
again, I'm not ready to do anything
until, you know, I think we can resolve
these issues.

    MR. BRADSHAW: No, and Commissioner,
I accept all of the -- well, I certainly
hear from all the comments. Key thing to
me is, maybe going backwards on a few of
these, in that payment -- payments that
this is perfectly fine for us to
address -- address, and we are just
leading off the development agreement
that was already in place.

With respect to where the
construction is going to be, we've all
known about this for a long period of
time because SiFi has never changed
since, what, 2014. We've built on both
sides of every street.

The standards that your department
has had in place for months, it clearly
outlines where we're building, or where
we are proposing to build on both sides
of every street. We don't deviate from
them. We stick by them. That's how we
build and that's how we engineer, just
like we do with every other city.

The SiFi -- as everybody knows, SiFi
is a developer. SiFi does not construct
the infrastructure. We work with very
leading, very best-of-breed U.S.
organizations in the country to build
these on our behalf and our investors.

So when we talk about the cold-weather references, they are not SiFi references. They are organizations that have already constructed this infrastructure for many, many years.

In regards to Eagan, as I've already mentioned, DPW, to our knowledge, has not received that and is a big advocate in regards to not only the product but how well the microtrenching is performing. I think there's been some misunderstanding in regards to how microtrenching in Eagan has been received. And I can go into that in a second.

But I actually have Greg Lagini (ph.) who is actually the manufacturer of the steel and metal product. He was actually part of that project for the last six years and can very confidently and accurately talk to that.

From further (audio interference) New York engineer, I think there's some -- for whatever reason, it's being taken out of context.
John Liu is -- he's been asked, as a New York licensed engineer, to stamp the standards that we represented which he has done, and we -- it's been made very clear that that gentleman doesn't have the experience of the remediation product, so he defers to the manufacturer just like any construction organization does.

Mr. Liu has ample experience across many locations. So I think it's very unfair to actually segregate his experience in quite -- and say he has no cold-weather experience, which is, let me say, just an inaccuracy.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: He admitted that. He admitted that. He said that --

MR. BRADSHAW: With respect to the project.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- typically, that he's only worked in -- he's only worked in California in warm weather. So that's a concern. That's what he said. So I'm only reiterating, you know, what he said.
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: (Audio interference). If you want to keep putting up roadblocks, you put them up. But all I'm hearing is opposition. Your position --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: You can hear whatever you want to hear, but this is not -- this is not the finance commissioner's issue.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Well, and what they --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It's now -- it's now with DPW. It's now in the right-of-way. So I need to address certain issues that engineering is, obviously, concerned about.

MR. BRADSHAW: Yes, and I agree. Fully --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And --

MR. BRADSHAW: I fully agree with you and not -- that said --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you.

MR. BRADSHAW: -- we -- we do not want to invest in your community if you don't want to. Full stop. That is such
a bad deal. But what -- this is a long-term investment. Is a one percent private risk, and because we're in your right-of-way, we need to have a very strong relationship with you. So I do not want you entering into a partnership that -- if you're not going to support it. It's not good for us; it's not good for the community.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: So Scott?

MR. BRADSHAW: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: If you -- if you -- you understand what my concerns are. I can -- I can reiterate what -- what the concerns are. If you can -- if you can deal with that, then I think we can -- you know, we can form a pretty decent partnership.

You know, again, we need to know, you know, somehow, there's -- I know the cabinets go up in the neighborhood. Somehow, they figured out they needed thirty-two cabinets. How did you figure that out without a set of plans, without a set of citywide plans? I don't --
MR. BRADSHAW: So -- that's a great question. Yeah, let me have a chance and I'll have one for you.

So the way the network is designed, we are not building fiber to home, Commissioner. We are not building fiber to business. We are building a smart city infrastructure. Fiber to the home and fiber to the business is an ancillary benefit of that infrastructure.

So what that really means is when we design, we have it very much now, an advantageous design that ultimately treats it as program player. So what that really means is for every circa 900 to 1,000 units, whether that be smart city or locations or residential premises, we know that number of units can be served by a single cabinet.

So there's a lot of work we can do ahead of time before we've actually even engaged with a community to see if they're ultimately investible or not. So when we look at a community, we can quickly see how many units there are in
the community, what is the potential construction distance. So bearing in mind the center-line distance, and you are aware we build on both sides of the street. You take the center line distance and you double it. That gives you a very good indicative idea of where you are.

We then -- you bring that back to what we call the aggregation shelters, which is what connects us to the world wide web, yeah, in the aggregation point, and the cabinets also connect to. Those, approximately, can be connecting about 20,000 units.

So as you can see, there is a lot of static data that we can already articulate into whether you are investible or not. That then leads us to the standard.

Those are the granular details in regards to what techniques are we allowed to build, what are we not allowed to build, and then how quickly can we build them depending upon how many teams we're
allowed which is where we get to the standard.

So that's really the point of where we are in regards to it not being a permit. It is a set of standards that we are now about to engineer the entire city on. Not raise a permit right now; engineer the city, to which, once we have that engineering, then when we sit down and do a page turn in regards to this is the type of permit form we like to submit to you; what is your feedback, as well as a lot of feedback between now and actually that permitting stage.

So the things I'm hearing, I don't think are insurmountable in that the payments, like anything, that is perfectly fine. We can address that.

The manufacturing in regards to talking about a plethora of cities that already have this installing it, we can provide more locations in similar climates that you are experienced now, and that can be from a location through to a reference site. We are more than
happy to provide those to you.

Where our concern really lies at the moment is what we're looking for is feedback from you.

If you say right now, I'm not going to approve these standards, just -- as just standard, there's no point in moving forward because if you don't approve standards now --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Can we -- but how can we -- how can we approve them when we're getting all this negative feedback? These are your references that we checked out. And I mean, these people are coming back and saying just about hey, don't do it. It's -- you know, it's not working. This -- you know, microtrenching is not working here.

Again, our climate is not like Fullerton. I mean, we have, you know, three seasons that are halfway decent. Then you know, we get into the wintertime and we're constantly dealing with potholes and the roads breaking up. And you know, when water gets into, you know,
these cracks, if this stuff, you know, shrinks or if there's an issue with it, then we're going to have roads that are going to start to erode, and it's going to provide a -- it's going to prevent -- it's going to be a dangerous situation.

You know, we got manholes that are -- yeah, storm drains that are, you know, a foot off the curb. I don't know how far off from the roadway you'd have to -- you'd have to cut the trench, but it's a concern. And I think what I'm trying to tell you is that seeing is believing here. I think if we were to -- we were to get together and maybe do some -- do a test pit -- or a test -- yeah, a test, you know, trench --

MR. BRADSHAW: Okay. Give me --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- that might work. And I know I asked them to do that, and for whatever reason they don't want to do it. I mean --

MR. BRADSHAW: So our point is, you know, rather than do a test -- a test is only good in isolation, and I don't think
really yields the information you would necessarily require. Whereas, if you were to look at the reference the site at Eagan, that for whatever reason you're saying is a negative, where actually, they would jump on the phone right now if they're available and talk to how much they like the product and reinstatement and they've got over, like, a hundred miles of this for several years.

So I think the -- looking at it on a larger scale that's been through multiple freeze-fall-winter cycles, we'll derive far better-informed information. So maybe, I think, key thing is let's go back to a couple of those references, let's provide some more, but I don't feel a test small -- you know, a nominal location is going to return dividend by you regards to your expectation. Let's go back and look at people that have already got it in place for several years.

I don't know what your thoughts are on that. I personally think that'll be a
logical approach, but, you know.

I don't know what to say -- unless
you tell me something different than
Minnesota -- a different -- you know,
Fargo or New York City, I -- I -- I don't
know. Please -- please help me out to
help you.

MAYOR KELLY: Well, I think it would
be great if, you know, you, Scott, and
Commissioner Scirocco could have, you
know, a conversation and maybe have a
third -- you know, your third-party
people on the same call. And he can ask
them his questions, you know, without,
you know, a prompt or anything.

And you know, I don't know what,
Commissioner, I don't know what you want
to do but --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Well, I
pretty much laid out what I -- what I
think we need to do, and this is what
Engineering is comfortable with, and I'm
reiterating what -- what Engineering is
actually saying. I mean, this is -- the
reason why I'm doing this is because of
the feedback we've been getting. I mean, there is newspaper articles in regards to it. There's a lot -- there's a lot of negatives.

And again, I want to support this project, but I don't want to support it if it's going to be -- if it's going to be a detriment to our city streets. I mean, we spend a lot of money. You know, we get money from our chips program, and we can only pave that street every -- once every ten years.

So if we were to go back in and do this microtrenching and, God forbid, if we had issues with our streets -- and again, you know, I think, Scott, we're going to be ripping up every -- every city street for the most part, and if there's -- if there's issues with it, then we have to go in. The taxpayers have to come back and they have to go and resurface the street. That's an issue.

So --

MR. BRADSHAW: Okay. Let's --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- I'm only
looking for some assurance here that we're not going to have any issues with the street.

MR. BRADSHAW: Okay. Understood. I just --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Let me finish. Can I finish?

MR. BRADSHAW: Sure.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: How are you going to address -- how are you going to address the issue with the state and the county? We have state roads in the city and county roads in the city, and neither one of them are saying microtrenching is going to happen on their -- on their roads. So they have concern. Why shouldn't they have a concern?

MR. BRADSHAW: And certainly to that point, our development agreement, the techniques, is merely for the roads that you control. And as you're fully aware, it really is not -- and anything outside of that will have to confirm to whatever county and state requires. We've been fully accepting of that. We don't --
we're not looking to deviate from that.

Just the sake of visualization, though, and -- when we talk about ripping up the street, it could -- just -- I mean, Commissioner, I know you're fully aware of this, but just for everybody else, the actual -- the trenching is one and a -- is a one-and-a-quarter inch wide; that is it. Not three feet. Not steel plates. No traffic lane closures. It's one-and-a-quarter inch wide with twelve inches deep.

But to the point in regards to what the mayor is requesting, now, we've already gone through the process. We -- we've had -- just like we had this evening with Mr. Lagini, we have the manufacturer. If you talk to any local -- any location where the products are installed, we've had the contractor on the line multiple occasions, we've hoped that these kind of conversations would have already been addressed.

So I guess what I'm looking for, Commissioner Scirocco, is we want to work
with you just like you're expressing you
want to work with us. I don't feel a
test location is going to return -- is
going to yield the benefits you want. I
think addressing it with someone who's
already gone through the multiple seasons
on a substantial scale throughout their
entire city is better data for you.

So what would you be thinking? That
we have a separate call again and we go
through those existing reference sites?
Could be feedback we have seems to be
contrary to what you're suggesting. Is
there anything else you would like to
report? Or do you feel we just -- you
say I just want to count this and this is
done. Well, what's your preference?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Scott, there
isn't even a place around here we can go
look at it. There's nothing even -- even
close to where, you know, the city can
even look and see what it's -- what it
looks like in the road.

I mean, again, it's going in there
and it's a wheel with teeth on it that
goes in and digs and it just digs. It
doesn't sawcut, you know. I mean,
usually, when National Grid will go in,
National Grid will dig, but then they'll
come back and they'll sawcut the hole so
it's pretty square, and then they'll go
ahead and patch it -- and patch it in so
there's no undercutting, you know, around
the outsides.

Microtrenching, with no doubt,
undercuts the road, which leaves a
surface vulnerable to caving in, to
actually, you know, falling in.

So that's a concern. And if it's in
the driving lane, and chances are it will
be, that's -- you know, that's -- I don't
know if that's going to -- if that's
going to work in our favor. I don't want
to have to keep patching roads and
patching roads. It's bad enough now that
we have to go in and patch in, you know,
because we have issues, you know, in the
winter when we have potholes and stuff
like that.

MR. BRADSHAW: And again, and we can
talk about those specifications, because the actual product we use, the calcium, sulphur, and aluminate, is the product -- back in the world wars, where if a bombing came down and bombed the runway, they would use this product to reinstate the runway and open it up one hour later. We're talking about a substantially strong product. This is used for repairing bridges, not four-ways arterials, for bridges. But we can have this as a separate conversation. I don't want to, obviously, get into the detail now.

The thing for me is do you see a path forward for, if we can revisit the references we presented, if we can each consent on standards, this is something you're going to be supporting for us to actually invest these tens of millions of dollars in the community or not?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Why are you opposed to doing a test strip? That's -- that's my concern.

MR. BRADSHAW: I don't --
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Because you say it's not going to work? A test strip will be -- will, obviously, tell us, you know, if it goes through a season, then there's a potential that there's going to be issues with it or there's not going to be issues with it.

MR. BRADSHAW: So -- so -- okay, so if we were to do a test pit in the community, just for sake of process, we have to wait for that to go through a season, you know. And it'll only be nominal data.

So we're sat here and now it's 2022, you know, probably this time in 2022. It is another year of waiting for the community when I already have multiple of -- we have multiple of cities through construction partners that have this installed on hundreds and hundreds of miles basis that can talk about their experience for five or six years long, which is going to yield greater data than a test pit. That's just for my thought process to support you.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: So you don't do test strips anywhere? You haven't done a test strip anywhere?

MR. BRADSHAW: We will do a test strip if necessary. What I'm actually saying here, there is so much information for over the last several years that would bring you more valuable data than a test strip in your community.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Right. Well, why wouldn't it -- why wouldn't this be necessary? I mean, it's in a thaw-frost-type situation. I mean, I think that's the reason why you would do it, and now that really --

MR. BRADSHAW: That's what I'm offering. The data is in a thaw-freeze situation across these multiple other locations. It's not in a -- it's not in California. It's in these very fluctuating states --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Right.

MR. BRADSHAW: -- with hundreds of miles. I can just -- I just feel that would return greater -- or yield greater
information for you. That's all I'm trying to propose to you.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Again, I mean, I -- you know, I don't know where it's going to go. I don't know how you're going to get to even the outer lying parts of the city. You may only have -- you may only do, you know, just the core of the city and that's it, so -- because we have county roads and we have state roads that are in -- actually in the city.

And I think if you -- if you were to do a plan, then you would see all that. You would see how, you know, where the issues are and, you know, and where they're not. That's why we're -- we're looking for, you know, a full citywide network plan. That would tell us where the cabinets are going to go, where the aggregation shelters are going to go, and where all the infrastructure is going to go.

I don't know if everybody's aware, but where the cabinets are on the street,
there's fifteen feet on each side in the right-of-way that there's infrastructure that goes out into the street. Those are the plans I think you guys submitted; am I correct? It's, like, thirty feet. Fifteen feet each side, I think, underground.

MR. BRADSHAW: So we -- look, and that's -- and that's a really good word to use: "underground".

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.

MR. BRADSHAW: The cabinets that are visually above ground --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Above ground.

MR. BRADSHAW: You know, all (indiscernible), but the cabinets above ground, I feel, are about four feet high, two feet wide, and about three feet.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Right.

MR. BRADSHAW: So they are typical charter AT&T ground tech covers that we don't see that are out of sight. You know, our goal is out of sight, out of mind because it won't be adopted. Yes,
we have larger ones. I think the
openings, yeah, I think we have two.
What we call the aggregation shelters,
that is a 300-foot-square box that sits
on the perimeter. Don't sit outside
someone's home. It's on the perimeter.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Those, I'm
good with. I'm good with those. Those,
I'm good with.

MR. BRADSHAW: So are you opposed to
the cabinets that are already in the
community?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Well, the
concern is, is what happens if one of
the -- one of the residents: I don't
want that thing in front of my house.
You got a four-foot by two-foot by
whatever it is, three-foot, cabinet out
of the ground that's going to be out into
the right-of-way out in somebody's tree
belt. Am I correct? That's a big
thing -- a big unit.

MR. BRADSHAW: So the goal is not
having outside someone's window. We
actually have a radius.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I get it.

MR. BRADSHAW: So we can actually move each cabinet about 400 feet in every way, but this is where we need to get to. We have no idea -- that's very unfair to say. We cannot confirm where all these locations will be until we get to the next phase. We actually cannot engineer the design until we have, you know, a set of standards to base the design on from the construction location respect.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Scott, why don't -- why don't we do this. I don't want to belabor this point. I mean --

MR. BRADSHAW: Yeah, I know. Me too.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- I think enough is enough. Why don't we -- why don't we try to get in touch with each other. Bring your engineers on board again and, you know, maybe we can come to some sort of a -- some sort of an agreement. But you can take this information back -- you know, back to the engineers, and this is what -- really
what we're looking for. And I think it's safe to say if we get, basically, what we're looking for here, if we can work out these details, then we can move forward with the project.

I mean, again, I'm concerned about, you know, the microtrenching. Microtrenching is an issue. You know it's an issue, and if we can -- if we can by that, then I'm good with it.

But again, I'm not trying to put this project to bed. I want to -- I want to make sure that, you know, you guys are taken care of and the city's taken care of because I think once -- once the microtrenching goes away, once the infrastructure's in the ground, then you guys walk away. Then it becomes -- it becomes an issue for the city, and I don't want it to become an issue for the city. That's all I'm saying.

MR. BRADSHAW: Indeed. And I agree with you. I would just say the last comment, we're not exactly walking away.

You know, our amortization period of
thirty years long. So we're at least in your community for that thirty years.

But with that said, yeah, we don't want to belabor the point. You know, there are many other conversations to be had. So let's reconnect after this, Commissioner, and let's see where we can take it.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Great.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.

MAYOR KELLY: Are we good?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Okay.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I'm good.

MAYOR KELLY: So you two will connect. Thank you and --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Mayor? I just wanted to say one thing, Mayor, that from our office standpoint, the assurance has been accepted. So that's our part of it.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you Commissioner. Back to you --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I think there's still issues with it, though.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So --
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It's just an issue.

MAYOR KELLY: -- you and Scott can work through that.

Commissioner Madigan, I'm going to turn it back over to you.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Scott, I want to thank you for being here and I do hope that after this evening, we will still be partners. I'll follow up with you soon.

MR. BRADSHAW: Thank you, Commissioner.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Scott.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you, Scott.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thanks Scott. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: All right. Let me just figure out where I'm at.

MAYOR KELLY: Number 3.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. This is the discussion about the temporary hiring freeze.

So there seems to be a lot of confusion, miscommunication regarding a
temporary hiring freeze that was the subject of a memo from Finance dated April 10th, 2020 with no fewer than seven communications among Finance, HR departments and council beginning last spring.

The memo raised -- has been raised in meetings and phone calls as we try to align the city budget with our diminished and changing revenues.

The memo states that the new and replacement hires included in the 2020 budget would be frozen, and until the memo was rescinded, all hiring would be on an emergency basis subject to council approval.

We've had a few replacement hires brought to council via a vote, one by DPW and one by the mayor's office, but we have not been consistent with this.

This year, in spite of our continued revenue challenges, there seem to be a substantial number of replacement hires, including those which require substantial increases to hospitalization and
retirements benefits.

Our hospitalization lines are currently in danger of operating in the red. This has me concerned, and hiring exacerbates this issue, although I know the budget director and the HR benefits coordinator is looking at this issue pretty much as we speak this week.

Unfortunately, we're not a city that was allocated fifty, sixty, or eighty-five million dollars in American Rescue Plan funds like many of the communities around us, and at this time, we don't know enough about the American Rescue Plan funds and how and when they will be released.

So I would like to ask this evening for the council to take a pause on hiring and replacement hires until we can get a better idea of how revenues are doing for us.

I'd like to have a full quarter of actual sales tax revenue, more information about American Rescue Plan funds, more information coming on
occupancy at SPAC and the race course.

See what's going to happen with the
Geyser Crest Trail, the greenbelt
trail -- no, Geyser Crest Road Trial, if
we'll get that reimbursement, and also
get an update on what we're doing with
real property sales.

Once revenues have evolved into
future reliable amounts, the city can
continue ahead with its goals and many of
its initiatives.

I am looking for council consensus
as I firmly believe that we all have the
best interest of the city at heart, and
it is all our fiduciary responsibility
when we're operating with unknown fiscal
resources and revenues.

So to this end, I would like to
revise this agenda item tonight to
include a vote on asking the council and
all departments to pause on hiring until
June 15th, which is about fifty-six days.
We have asked our employees to freeze
their salaries, steps, and longevity and
for some people, that was a fairly
significant -- like, 17,000-dollar increase for many employees because of the step increase that certain employees get this year.

It is a priority of mine to ensure that we can meet the obligation of paying our employees at year end, and as I've stated, we need more information about the American Rescue Plan funds, the track, SPAC, et cetera.

I am doing this, trying to bring us to consensus despite my belief that the finance commissioner, required under City Charter Section 4.4.8, can take remedial action to eliminate or reduce revenue shortfalls and has the right to establish a hiring pause. However, this is not the point that I want to continue to debate, but I would like to take a vote this evening.

So with that, according to city Charter 2.2, city council and powers, to add this action item to my agenda, it was not included because it was an unexpected addition. This idea has evolved to me
over the course of the day. It is time
sensitive due to an immediate, financial,
and employee concerns, as well as
counterproductive confusion among the
departments. This item has been revised
to include a vote -- discussion and vote,
temporary hiring pause or freeze. So I
would like to move that the city council
approve the revision of item number 2 --
no, item number 3 on my agenda to include
vote as follows.

Discussion and vote, temporary
hiring pause. This is a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: I'm voting
no because I didn't know it was a
discussion and vote. So I'm not
prepared, so.

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

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I was going to
say something.

MAYOR KELLY: Go ahead.
COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I'm sorry.

Yeah, I don't think it's unreasonable -- we needed a -- our assessor's retiring. We are just starting to do the interview process, and I would have liked to have sort of cross-training assessor in May, especially since we're going into the grievance time and the lawsuits and whatever.

But I don't -- I don't think six or eight or ten weeks is that long of a time period. I think there's some timing issues that we have right now, I think that Commissioner Madigan brought up earlier on her agenda under the city finance that it's really going to be kind of hard to even do a cash flow over the next sixty to ninety days relating to, you know, when the stimulus comes in, and there's also somewhat handcuffed on the stimulus of what we can use the money for. We can't use it against the debt.

And also, June and late November are kind of our busy months for our large expenditures to the county.
So you know, I think our department -- everybody needs people, but, you know, we're -- we definitely need somebody, but I don't think putting -- I think also by mid-June, we're going to have a better idea of -- a better idea of what's going to happen with the track. I didn't even think of SPAC, the city center. I think we could make it that long without hiring anybody. So that -- so I wouldn't have a problem, you know, if it's sunset at that point, to bring it back in mid-June; it's not that long of a time period.

MAYOR KELLY: I --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I don't --

MAYOR KELLY: -- you know, I just don't know if this is including part time. I don't know anything about it, you know --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCH: I don't either. I don't either.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Well, my assumption -- I don't know what it is
either, but my assumption is a pause means on all hiring.

    MAYOR KELLY: Well, right. You know, so my Recreation Department doesn't hire. I mean, that doesn't work for us.

    COMMISSIONER DALTON: It doesn't work for us either.

    MAYOR KELLY: So we -- you know, I'm just not -- I'm not prepared. So I'm not going to vote on something that I'm not prepared to discuss.

    COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Well, again, I -- you know, I think -- this is again, this is not my agenda item. I'm just telling you from my standpoint, I think I need somebody probably more than any department. I know you got -- you probably --

    MAYOR KELLY: It's always somebody on your priority is yours. My priority is mine. Everybody has their priorities. We went through this with Commissioner Madigan. We all know every department has their priorities.

    I fight like mad for my people. I
need building inspectors. I know you need an assessor. I'm not --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Well -- I --

I --

MAYOR KELLY: -- everybody needs something, you know.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I don't -- yes, I you've gotten a lot, but that's not the point.

MAYOR KELLY: Right.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: What I'm saying is we need--

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Yeah, I mean --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Wait. Wait. Wait, wait. With all due respect, we can look at hiring council over the year and it's not close.

MAYOR KELLY: Over all those years, yep.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah, well -- yeah, go ahead, review it. It's not going to be that hard. It's been the same number forever. But --

MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. It's close.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: We -- when
I -- we need -- we, the city, needs an
assessor. But what I'm saying is, I'm
sure you need people --

MAYOR KELLY: I thought you were the
assessor. It's an assistant assessor,
and why do you need eight months, six
months. You know, really, you need six
months to work in there? That's another
story.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yes, and I
could go through that story, but you
don't understand anything about
assessing. So --

MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, I know. I know.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: -- I won't get
into that right now. I know. We're the
do-nothing group, but that's a whole
separate issue.

I'm just talking about, you know, if
you need parks -- the recreation's going
to open and there are certain part-time
people that were needed and that could be
discussed, you know, with the city
council, that is -- I don't look at that
as a replacement. I look at that as that
was the timing that these people were coming in.

And I know each -- we need -- I know all this. I'm talking about fifteen percent of my office is one person. What I'm saying is I just don't think it's a big ask to go a certain time period to find out more information at a time when cash flow -- we don't know what the cash flow is going to be. That's just, like I said, that's just me.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: That (audio interference) update from prior police, or no one has asked the public safety commissioner or the commissioner of public works what the effect would be on essential services. I think it would be prudent for us all to wait on this vote; otherwise, I will also be voting no.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah, well, that's fine too. I mean, if it -- you know, if it takes another meeting or a discussion, I have no issues with that. I'm just stating I think that's better than just saying we're going to have a
temporary freeze and not have a time
deriod to it. I just think you have
to --

MAYOR KELLY: I agree with you,
Commissioner, but I'm just not prepared,
you know.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Well, it's
not -- this is not -- this is not my
agenda item.

MAYOR KELLY: Well, I'm agreeing
with you.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: This is under
the Finance Department.

MAYOR KELLY: So take it for
whatever.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah, well,
I'm shocked. But what I'm saying is --

MAYOR KELLY: Don't be shocked.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: What I'm
saying is I just think it makes more
sense to have a time period to -- and
then we can revisit it because the word
"temporary" to one person may be eight
weeks; to somebody else, it may be three
years. I mean temporary is temporary.
And I don't--you know, every department should figure out--like Commissioner Dalton just said, you know, I don't know what her needs are, I don't know what your needs are, Mayor. Everybody has different needs and public--I'm just telling you I think we all have needs, but I think it wouldn't be the end of the world if we could look at those needs to see if they could be pushed off for a certain time period.

And if it's something like the Rec opens outdoor or this or that, you know, that makes sense, but I still think that's mostly into June anyways.

MAYOR KELLY: The Rec is open and we're hiring as we speak. So just to--

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: No, I understand that, but there's different--there's different time periods where you hire more people or less people a season.

MAYOR KELLY: And we're in that process right now.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah.

MAYOR KELLY: So we're in it.
COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Right.

MAYOR KELLY: I mean --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Well, I'm pulling the item. You guys keep doing what you're doing. Don't ask me for any budget transfers. Don't ask me for any help if you haven't budgeting accordingly with your departments. That's where I'm at right now.

We all have a fiduciary responsibility to the city. We don't know what's going on. I've told you over and over again we are not receiving the kind of funding like other cities around us. We've borrowed 11.6 million dollars. If this council wants to keep spending like there's no problems, and that is exactly what you're doing, go ahead.

MAYOR KELLY: Commissioner, I just want to say that, you know, Recreation, we have made budget neutral, and you're telling me that I can't hire people. I mean, I don't get it.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That's --

MAYOR KELLY: I'm not prepared.
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: --
(indiscernible) it's fifty-six (audio interference). All I was trying to do was put --

COMMISSIONER DALTON: (Audio interference) spending like there's no tomorrow. (Indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Whoever's screaming (indiscernible) that screechy little Robin's voice, please be quiet. I mean, or go eat some of your candy in your office, okay.

MAYOR KELLY: All right. Let's move on, please. If you're going to put a vote, all those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: (Audio interference) financial situation of the city (audio interference) --

MAYOR KELLY: I'm taking the vote. I'm taking the vote. All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I pulled the item.

MAYOR KELLY: I didn't hear that.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. (Audio
interference).

MAYOR KELLY: Okay, can we move on?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I am not bringing it. Do what you want. Do not ask for Finance's help.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Can I just say something?

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I'm done.

(Audio interference) on hiring. And --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Can I just make one quick --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- (audio interference) spending, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Can I make one quick comment?

MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I was under the impression, Commissioner Madigan, that you were going to meet with everybody and find out what everybody's needs were.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I haven't met with you yet. We have not talked about, you know, what the needs of the
Public Works Department are, and I would like to do that. And before you put something like this on the agenda, telling the different departments, mine in particular, if we can hire or we can't hire anybody, you need to know what my needs are before you can --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yep.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- no, before --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I don't know why you haven't set up a meeting. We've had the meetings with all the other departments.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: We did -- I believe we do have a meeting set up, but it's after the fact. It's after our --

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Not true. Not true. But it doesn't really matter because I (audio interference) --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: (Audio interference) this is my agenda item --

MAYOR KELLY: Could I just ask, it's -- Commissioner Madigan is speaking, so can we let her speak?
COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I agree with you, Commissioner Scirocco. I just assumed, because I -- you have not had a meeting, that you didn't have any other priorities. I have a list of all the priorities from the various departments. Unfortunately, at this time, I can't fulfill them. You know, I had hoped to, but I can't. And I can't even get us to take a pause on hiring.

The item was just to add the item to my agenda. That was the vote. And then I was going to explain what it meant if we could add the item to the agenda, but it hasn't been added. So it's fine with me. You guys go do what you want, you know.

MAYOR KELLY: Well, I thought that was your discussion, Commissioner. I thought you were going to explain it to us.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: No, I --

MAYOR KELLY: That's what I thought you were going to do. Whatever.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: I'm apparently
not allowed to discuss. So I just have
to say, like, I take such offense to the
comments you made towards me tonight,
Commissioner Madigan. I have just as
much of a voice as everyone else in this
council, and making comments like I
should stop talking and go eat candy in
my office is so unprofessional --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: (Audio
interference) with a little lollipop --

COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- and so
emblematic of all of the problems we have
with the city government.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: (Audio
interference). Move on.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Can we move on,
please, Commissioner Madigan? Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item number
4, it's a discussion and vote.
Authorization for the mayor to sign a
memorandum of understanding -- you know
what, I'm just going to pull that item,
too.

And item number 5. Discussion and
vote. Authorization for the mayor to
sign agreement with Crown Castle Fiber LLC for ethernet services.

This is an update to the IT agreement for ethernet services for the recreation center. I move that the city council authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Crown Castle Fiber LLC for ethernet services as included with the agenda. This is a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

Second.

Any discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item number 7 is a discussion and vote. Sale of metal shelving owned by the City of Wilton Fire District Number 1, Greenfield Fire District.

This shelving is -- that we want to sell is no longer being used by the city. The Greenfield Fire District will be
using the shelving for a public purpose. This shelving is in used condition, and they will pay 450 dollars to the city.

I move that the city council approve the sale of metal shelving owned by the City of Wilton Fire District Number 1, Greenfield Fire District as included with the agenda. This is a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I am also pulling my item number 8 and my item number 9. And that will complete my agenda. Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: There will be no part-time hires. We didn't do the transfer for them. Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: Well, we did a transfer, but you just pulled it. So
that's your retaliation.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: No, I --

MAYOR KELLY: So I don't get that either. So --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- (audio interference) was no vote.

MAYOR KELLY: -- that's a bunch of -- that's a bunch of bunk. I don't even want to discuss it. Let's go on. Let's go onto Public Works.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Not bringing any transfers anymore.

MAYOR KELLY: Let's, please, Commissioner Madigan, we're done.

On to public works. Commissioner Scirocco.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you, Mayor.

My first item is an announcement. This is an update on a tree.

Saratoga Springs is a city rich in culture and history. The residents and the city government are proud of that history and preserving the history is an important responsibility and priority.
Old pictures of Broadway will show that it was once lined with towering, majestic elm -- American elm trees. And in the mid-'20s -- twentieth century, the majority of those elm trees succumbed to the Dutch elm disease and were lost, changing the character of Broadway forever. Miraculously, several of these ancients survived the Dutch elm disease epidemic and still stand on the edges of Broadway today.

They are treated by DPW employees with systemic fungicide to hold the disease at bay for those as long as those trees are standing. Unfortunately, as trees age, their immunity to disease weakens, just like any of us and -- just like any of us, and no amount of medicine can sufficiently fight the infection. This has recently become the case with the large American elm tree which stands near the corner of North Broadway and Van Dam Street.

The elm was quickly treated by DPW staff after being alerted that the tree
was losing leaves in late summer, well before the typical autumn leaf drop season. Samples were taken from the specimen and delivered to Cornell Cooperative Extension for testing at their diagnosis lab. Results came back negative for Dutch elm disease, but positive for anthracnose, another fungal disease which disrupts the vascular flow of nutrients throughout the specific branches -- or throughout the tree.

Cornell stated that they could not rule out Dutch elm disease because the specific branches taken as samples had not been infected yet.

The tree was then monitored by DPW city arborists in hopes that the treatment worked and the tree would begin to leaf out this spring. Unfortunately, no buds have begun to bloom, and a core sample of the trunk tissue did not have any sign of healthy living tissue.

Therefore, the large elm will have to be removed both for the safety of the public and to protect the other legacy
elm trees from also contracting Dutch elm disease, which is spread by beetles that will be hatching from the elm tree and traveling to other elms within the month of April.

These beetles carry the disease from one tree to the next. The DPW, with support from Sustainable Saratoga, has begun planning the removal, which will affect traffic patterns at the intersection.

DPW is also purchasing more systemic fungicide to be injected with recently acquired state-of-the-art plant health care tools to proactively administer the treatment for protection of the certified plant health care tools to protect -- yeah -- to proactively administer the treatment for protection of the certified arborists -- the last legacy American elms left in the city.

Again, with the expertise of the city's ISA certified arborists, DPW certified pesticide applicators, and urban forestry volunteers at Sustainable
Saratoga, we are confident that the remaining elms will stand for many more days to come.

And I just wanted to say a little bit about that tree because, again, it's one of the oldest elm trees on Broadway and, you know, I think just to kind of calm any concerns that some of residents might have when they see us taking it down, it's going to be -- it's going to be a big operation because we have to rent a crane to do it. It's a big tree, but our guys can do it. So I just wanted to just make the public aware.

MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yep.

Second item on my agenda, discussion and vote. This is approval to reimburse employee number 2675 in the amount of 230 dollars. This reimbursement for employee number 2675 in the amount of 230 dollars for the arbor certification renewal from the International Society of Arboriculture -- I guess that's the word;
I don't know. Reimbursement exceeded the thirty-day submission for the purchasing policy. Therefore, I move to reimburse employee number 2675 in the amount of 230 dollars for the arbor certification renewal, 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.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.
COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.
MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Third on my agenda is discussion and vote. This is approval to reimburse employee number 278 in the amount of $324.50.

This reimbursement for employee number 278 in the amount of $324.50 is for instrumentation and control course high-tech operator courses for the water treatment plant. The reimbursement exceeded the thirty-day submission for
purchasing -- for the purchasing policy.

Therefore, I move for the approval to reimburse employee number 278 for $324.50 for the instrumentation and control course and high-tech operator courses, 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.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Fourth on my agenda is discussion and vote.

Authorization for the mayor to sign a contract with Environmental Soil and Management of New York LLC for $264.24.

Every other year, DPW hires a vendor to burn hazardous waste collected at the DPW garage. The material is classified as nonhazardous but may contain petroleum-based residuals -- oil, grease,
et ceter -- washed from vehicles and
equipment that require proper disposal.

    Typically, a vendor service
agreement would be in place.

Environmental Soil Management of New York
LLC d/b/a ESMI, A Clean Earth Company,
requested language changes to the
insurance in our vendor service
agreement.

    Risk and safety denied the request,
and instead, along with the help of the
city attorney, made the appropriate
changes to the city contract. A redline
version, along with the signed copy, has
been previously distributed with the
agenda.

    I'll be asking the council to
approve the redline version contract with
ESMI along with an estimated cost of
$264.25. Therefore, I move for the mayor
to sign the amended contract to
Environmental Source Management of New
York LLC not to exceed the amount of
$264.24 -- or $.25, 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.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Fifth on my agenda is a discussion and vote. This is authorization for the mayor to sign change order number 15 with DLC Electric, LLC in the amount of 7,343 dollars.

This change order is part of the city hall renovation and restoration project for the electrical contractor. DLC will provide additional lighting options in the IT and Finance commissioners' offices, and a floor box circuit for IT and provide additional floor boxes and a data jack in occupied spaces.

This change order of 7,343 dollars represents a request for the finance
portion of the project. And again, I
don't know if Commissioner Madigan would
like to offer any input during --

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I don't
really have anything to say. I forgot
this was on the agenda this evening.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: You know, IT
needs its own -- they're blowing fuses,
which is affecting the server --

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Right.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- and we
don't have proper lighting in the office
at this point in time.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Okay. All
right.

So therefore, I move for the mayor
to sign a contract -- to sign change
order number 15 with DLC Electric, LLC
for power and lighting in the finance
area in the amount of 7,343 dollars, 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.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: All right. Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Sixth on my agenda, discussion and vote. This is approval to pay invoice number 12467 to MLB in the amount of $4,208.31.

The MLB invoice number 12467 is a total cost of $4,208.31. The following invoice is for rental containers used for storing and keeping city hall departments' contents during the restoration/renovation project. The project was closed with an outstanding invoice. Therefore, I move for the approval to pay invoice number 12467 to MLB in the amount of $4,208.31 for storage container rentals for the city hall restoration project, and I put that in the form of a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Okay.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: All right. Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I'm going to -- I'm going to skip over an announcement on number 7. We're not ready for that yet.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I'm going to go to number 8 on my agenda.

Announcement for milling and paving schedule. On Monday, May 10th, we will mill Stratton Street from White Street to Lincoln Avenue. We'll mill Ludlow Street from Union Avenue to Fifth Avenue.

On Tuesday, May 11th, we'll mill Lincoln Avenue, Nelson Avenue intersection, Frank Sullivan Place past Siro's Restaurant. We'll mill Nelson
Avenue from 81 Nelson Avenue to 37 Nelson Avenue.

On Wednesday, May 12th, we'll pave Stratton Street from White Street to Lincoln Avenue. We'll pave Ludlow Street from Union Avenue to Fifth Avenue.

And on Thursday, May 13th, we'll pave Lincoln Avenue, Nelson Avenue intersection, to Frank Sullivan place past Siro's Restaurant. We will pave Nelson Avenue from 81 Nelson Avenue to 37 Nelson Avenue.

And then more information can be found on the city's website for that one.

My ninth item on the agenda is a proclamation, and this is the City of Saratoga Springs Arbor Day. And I'll read the proclamation.

"This is a proclamation of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York. Whereas for more than a century, Arbor Day and Arbor Week celebrations have been held in communities across the United States, (audio interference) of the forestry, conversation, and environmental
responsibility are an important part of our nation's heritage, and whereas a preservation of trees and forests is an issue of great concern to all of us, we in Saratoga Springs can be especially proud of the majestic elm trees that graced our city streets in great numbers during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

"Today, the city's Department of Public Works maintains a partnership with Sustainable Saratoga Tree Toga planting program. We are proud to confirm a new -- our commitment to conserve, maintain, repair and restore our trees and to recognize them as part of what makes our city a unique and special place.

"Now, therefore, I, Anthony Skip Scirocco, Commissioner of Public Works, Department of Public Works with the City of Saratoga Springs, am pleased to join with my colleagues on the city council and all my fellow Saratogans for claiming the week of April 24th to the April 30th,
2021 as Arbor Day celebrations."

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,

Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you.

Item number 10 is discussion and
vote to accept a donation from
Sustainable Saratoga For Trees. The City
of Saratoga Springs will be accepting a
donation of trees to be planted on city
property from Sustainable Saratoga. The
value of their total gift may be up to
3,500 dollars.

The trees that will be donated will
be planted in prominent locations within
the City of Saratoga Springs at different
dates during the year.

The first date will be April 25th
for Tree Toga 10.

We expect that Sustainable
Saratoga's tree donations will be
ongoing -- will be an ongoing program for
years to come. Therefore, I move to
authorize the city council to accept a
donation of trees from Sustainable
Saratoga in the valued amount up to 3,500
dollars, and I put that in the form of a
motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And I'm
going to take -- I'm going to take the
announcement off on number 11. We're not
going to talk about that.

MAYOR KELLY: Is that the discussion
and vote? You're taking that off?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: No, that's
not a discussion. That's an
announcement.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Number 11.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Okay. And
I'm going to add one item to my agenda, a discussion about authorization for the mayor to sign a lease agreement with Nargle Paint Studio, Inc. for one-day rental of fifty parking spaces in Woodlawn Avenue parking garage. And that's in the amount of 500 dollars.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: A discussion and vote authorization for the mayor to sign a lease agreement Nargle Paint Studio, Incorporated for one-day rental of fifty parking spaces on Woodlawn Avenue parking garage in the amount of 500 dollars.

Nargle Paint Studio has requested to rent approximately fifty personal
passenger vehicle parking spaces in the upper deck of Woodlawn Parking Garage on April 22nd, 2021. The daily rental amount will be ten dollars per space from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. The total amount to be paid to the city will be 500 dollars.

Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign a lease agreement with Nargle Paint Studio, Incorporated for a one-day rental of fifty parking spaces in Woodlawn Avenue parking garage in the amount of 500 dollars and put that in for a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Commissioner, what is this? Is this -- I'm a little -- I'm a little confused.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It's a movie production company. That's what --

MAYOR KELLY: Oh, okay. Okay. I got it.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Parking for the movie.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes. Yes.

MAYOR KELLY: I got it. Yeah.
Okay. Thank you.

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And that concludes my agenda, Mayor.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.

MAYOR KELLY: Let's go on to Public Safety.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you, Mayor. The first item on my agenda is discussion and vote to amend Chapter 225, Section 225-81 of the city code. This is the public parking on both sides of Adams Road between Cady Hill Boulevard and Marsel Drive.

I make the motion to amend Chapter 225, Section 225-81 of the city code. Schedule 16, parking prohibited at all times from Adams Road, both sides, between Cady Hill Boulevard and Marsel
Drive. This is a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

The second item on my agenda is discussion and vote, Chapter 225, Section 225-94 of the city code. This is to add alternate side of the street parking on Clinton Street from Vermont Street to Church Street. I make a motion to amend Charter 225-94, Schedule 29 of the city code, alternate side of the street parking, parking prohibited at all times, Clinton Street from Vermont Street to Church Street; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday parking on one side of the street only. This is a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
Second.

Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

The third item on my agenda is an appointment of a city health officer. I'm very pleased to announce that I've appointed Dr. Michael Holland as the new city health officer. I also want to thank Dr. Timothy Brooks for serving as the city's medical director for nearly twenty years and serving as the city health officer since 2014. My sincere thanks for his service to our city.

The fourth item is authorization --

MAYOR KELLY: Can I comment?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yes.

Absolutely.

MAYOR KELLY: I want to comment on a couple things.

Dr. Holland is a terrific choice and
thank you for having him on -- on the

My other question is in the contract
with them, can we, you know, utilize them
as a city for, like, an emergency like
COVID so they could be our communicator?

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

MAYOR KELLY: So that would be
terrific if you could add that,
Commissioner, because he's a great guy.
He's helped us a lot at the city level
with COVID and he's educated us all.

So I appreciate --

COMMISSIONER DALTON: That's what we
talked about when I talked to him about
taking this appointment, if he could
gather data for us, if he could update
the city whether, you know, it has to do
with the pandemic or another health
issue.

MAYOR KELLY: Right.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Also, whether
or not he could be a representative for
the city like he is (indiscernible) like
what we're dealing with now at a county
level and represent our voice, and also, with the medical background he has, you know, represent our needs to communicate back and forth.

So --

MAYOR KELLY: That's good. Thank you. That's a great choice. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

The fourth item on my agenda is authorization for the mayor to sign a contract with Empire Ambulance.

This is a contract for backup ambulance service to the city. The monthly rent they pay is 3,000 dollars per month. I make a motion to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Empire Ambulance. This is a motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

All those in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?
The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

Last item is a -- oh, it's not the last. It's the second-to-last item, and it's a discussion and vote to accept donations for the SSPD K-9 unit. This is a really happy one.

The police department has received many more donations they can use of Martin Hardy and Mosati (ph.) donating to the police K-9. And I wanted to acknowledge all of the people who donated briefly before we vote to accept their donation.

The donations are earmarked specifically for the K-9 unit to purchase such things as another K-9 to replace the second retiring K-9, equipment to build a new training area so they could train in-house and only have to travel one or two times a year for state certifications. Additional maintenance fitting in other canine-related issues are not covered -- that are not covered by the budget.

So I ask the city council to accept
the K-9 donations to be placed in the K-9
donation line. The donations are from
Christina Masorati and Morris (ph.),
Michael Billoff (ph.) and Patricia
McGovern (ph.), Eric and Harry Cushing
(ph.), Crescent Hill Partners, Matthew
Jones (ph.), Cliff and Claudia Van Wagner
(ph.), Susana Allerdice, the Boghosian
brothers (ph.), Wesley Health Care
Center, 519 Broadway, stores of the Dake
family, the Adirondack Trust Company, and
the Business for Good Foundation. And
the total amount of the donations is
27,400 dollars.

And so I just want to thank all of
those individuals and organizations that
donated for our K-9 unit. This is --
it's just a phenomenal outpouring of
support.

MAYOR KELLY: It is. That's great.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: This is a
motion.

MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? I
thank them all, too. That's an amazing amount of donations. That's terrific for our K-9 Unit.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: It's really, really awesome.

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

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.
COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.
MAYOR KELLY: Opposed?

The matter passes.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: The last item on my agenda is to set a public hearing to amend Chapter 225, Section 225-81 of the city code, Schedule XVI, parking prohibited at all times on Crescent Street.

This is to prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Crescent Street between South Broadway and Joshua Road. And this is specifically brought to our attention as it pertains to the dog park there, to make sure that it is safe for pedestrians and the neighborhood and people, you know, driving and use of
the dog park.

So I'm asking that we set that public hearing for our next council meeting, if possible.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: And we can do that on May 4th at 6:55.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

And that concludes my agenda.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Commissioner.

Let's turn it right over to Supervisor Veitch.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Thank you, Mayor.

First on my agenda is a just a quick announcement on the Geyser Road repaving.

Geyser Road is one of our county roads located in the city. And signs have just gone up recently that there's going to be some roadwork happening there starting, actually -- the date says today, but they actually didn't do anything today. But I did talk to the Commissioner of DPW at the county and he
mentioned that they are going to be prepping the roadway very soon.

Resurfacing will be occurring later in this month and mostly through next month. And he's expecting, although it's not a permanent date, that completion of the road will be done near the end of May.

So as we open the Geyser Road Trail, we're going to also repave Geyser Road with some new fresh pavement on the roadway side. So just stay -- just stay advised that that would be occurring later this spring.

Second on my agenda is just a quick note to mention that the county accepted some additional funding today for the STOP-DWI program. The STOP-DWI program is mainly funded by DWI fines that we collect at the court system. And again, just to mention, I do bring this up sometimes from time to time, that after the county sheriff, the city police department gets the most STOP-DWI assistance among the county's law
enforcement departments, and I think they
do a good job of enforcing that, using
that funding.

So I just wanted to mention that we
accepted some extra funding for that
today, and continuing to fund a good
program.

And last on my agenda is just to
mention that the county is going to be
taking part in this New York State's new
deer-hunting pilot program. And today,
we set a public hearing for a local law
that the county has to pass, and the
public hearing is set for May 18th at
3:30 p.m. before the board meeting.

And what this is, is it's a new
state opt in for counties and an
initiative to expand youth hunting
opportunities to twelve- and thirteen-
year-olds. Currently, the minimum age to
hunt in New York State is fourteen, and
many other states have a younger age, and
the state legislature passed a law that
said that counties can opt in for a pilot
program to introduce its twelve- and
thirteen-year-olds.

And it's for crossbow, rifle, shotgun, and muzzle loading. And the key is is that these youngsters must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or mentor to oversee their hunting.

So we're the first county in New York State to set up this public hearing and enact a local law, as it is a new statewide program which allows for the opt in of the pilot program. And again, there is a public hearing scheduled at the county from May 18th at 3:30 p.m. before the board meeting.

And again, I know it may not be as big of an issue in the City of Saratoga Springs, but throughout the county, there certainly appears to be some support for this in some of our other towns that we have in Saratoga County. So that is that agenda item.

And I just want to mention one last thing before I'm done. I want to thank Mayor Kelly for holding the Geyser Road
Trail opening this week. I will be out of town, so I won't be there for that later --

MAYOR KELLY: That's a bummer.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yeah. So as a person in the neighborhood who lives nearby and has spent a lot of time working on this, I want to thank you again for getting it over the finish line --

MAYOR KELLY: Right.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: -- and getting it done. It looks great out there. I've ridden it several times. It's fantastic.

MAYOR KELLY: That's great.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: So very much appreciate everything that everybody has done on this over the years. So with that, that concludes my agenda and thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: I thank you, too, Supervisor. I know you have been over the years, however many years you've been working on it, but it's been a lot, and so I'm just a little bit disappointed
that you won't be there. So thank you for your kind words.

I --

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah. Those are -- I just want to say, the first time I met Matt was on the trail back in 2006.

MAYOR KELLY: Really?

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: The accounts office in 2006 was saying if we want to do this trail. So that was the first time I met him.

MAYOR KELLY: That's great.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Thank you everybody.

MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Supervisor Gaston?

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Thank you, Mayor. The first item on my agenda is just a quick COVID-19 update.

Our positivity rate is coming down a little bit. It was well over three percent for a while, so that's good.

It is important, especially as we
enter proms, graduation, and summer season to continue to stay vigilant.

Our vaccination rate in the county is excellent. So I appreciate all residents who are working on that.

As of right now, over sixty percent of individuals over the age of eighteen have been vaccinated, and we're working very quickly to accomplish that in those who are sixteen and seventeen.

There have been a number of vaccination clinics in Saratoga County specifically for sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds, and there are a few the rest of this week and this weekend.

If a student is interested, they should reach out to their school. Some of them are being held closed at particular schools, and so they should get that information. If not, feel free to reach out to myself or the Public Health Department and we'll connect to you because vaccination is the best and safest way to reach herd immunity.

We are starting to see some signs of
vaccine hesitancy, which is not ideal, so let's just all keep going and encouraging. And if you do know of a particular population that either has concerns or has issues with outreach, please let us know because we're working to solve those problems and get access as best we can.

On a related note, the second item on my agenda is regarding the public health expansion. This is a (indiscernible) that's been many years in the works, and it will be with the county expanding our Public Health Department to a full-service Department of Health, taking on many environmental health services such as restaurant and camp inspections, lead and tobacco prevention, et cetera.

Right now, those are handled by the New York State Office in Glens Falls. So this will be much closer to home and hopefully easier for our municipalities and businesses to use.

Since January, we've taken a number
of steps including hiring personnel such as an epidemiologist. Today, we passed a resolution authorizing the hiring of a law firm that will help us with the regulatory issues.

Saratoga County will be the first county in New York State in approximately twenty years to undergo this transition. So many of the people who have shepherded this before are no longer working in government.

We will have an advisory committee that will include myself, another supervisor, our Commissioner of Health, and some individuals who previously have worked in government and are willing to lend us their assistance so that we can get this done quickly and efficiently.

Part of this -- I will be reaching out to each of the Commissioners and the mayor to schedule meetings because part of this is an internal process; hiring and developing programs, and part of it is a small-p political process.

So the city has the ability to opt
out of the county's health department if
they choose, and develop and maintain
their own local health department. The
city can choose to do that or not. But
it does require a vote of the council an
order to include in that. And so I want
to make sure that any questions or
concerns from the city are met and that
we can give you the information that you
need in order to vote on that in an
informed way.

If the city does opt in, the county
board of health that will be instituted
at that time will have a voting
representative from the city in
particular.

Right now, the board of supervisors
serves as the board of health for the
county, and in this case, there will be
nine members, and one of them will be a
representative. The city will select
three names and the board of supervisors
will vote on that one.

So I will be reaching out to each of
you. If you don't have any questions,
that's fine, but I want to make sure that any questions or concerns you have, I can meet.

The last item on my agenda is today, I was thrilled, along with other Saratoga County officials, to announce the Saratoga County Women and Government Leadership program.

On Monday, our application process will be live, and high-school-aged young women from around the county are going to be able to apply in order to join our summer program with Soroptimist International of Saratoga County.

They will learn about leadership skills, how government works, their career goals, and they will also obtain mentors in the county, learn more about the opportunities available to them, and we'll have a little bit of fun.

One of the examples I gave today was the first woman elected in Saratoga County, there was a fist fight at a gas station involved. So we'll get to learn a little bit about the history of the
county.

We were honored to have representatives or remarks from Senator Tedisco, Senator Jordan, Assemblywoman Walsh, as well as Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul.

And in addition, we also had Marty Sauerbrey who is the current president of the Women's Leadership Council for the New York Association of Counties and incoming NYSAC president.

So you can look for that application. Residents of Saratoga Springs, their applications will be stripped of personal information and sent to Supervisor Veitch and myself to make selections.

And the video of that is up on my Facebook and on the county's Facebook and YouTube as well. And that concludes my agenda.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Supervisor.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Supervisor Gaston, is that something you set up, the Saratoga County Women in Government
Leadership program, if I can ask?

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Yes. We are actually the first county in New York State to do this. This is one reason NYSAC is excited to work with us. We are hoping to use it as a pilot to be expanded across the state.

COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Well, it's just excellent. Kudos to you. I hope you get a lot of good feedback from this program.

SUPERVISOR GASTON: Me, too. Fingers crossed. Thank you.

MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Any other business from the council? Then we are adjourned. Thank you and good night.

COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned.)
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