



May 4, 2015

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Pre-Agenda Meeting
9:30 AM

PRESENT: Joanne Yepsen, Mayor
Michele Madigan, Commissioner of Finance
John Franck, Commissioner of Accounts
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner of DPW
Christian Mathiesen, Commissioner of DPS

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Ogden, Deputy Mayor
Lynn Bachner, Deputy Commissioner, Finance
Maire Masterson, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts
Eileen Finneran, Deputy Commissioner, DPS

Vince DeLeonardis, City Attorney

Matthew Vetch, Supervisor

EXCUSED: Tim Cogan, Deputy Commissioner, DPW

Peter Martin, Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yepsen called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

New City Code Chapter #205 – Street Performances

Tony Izzo, assistant city attorney, stated the only pieces that have not been determined are the decibels, distances, and hours of performance.

Commissioner Madigan asked if the noise piece could be wrapped into the noise ordinance.

Tony advised the noise ordinance is more general. This is written for this specific issue.

Commissioner Scirocco stated he would like to see designated areas marked for the performers. Another issue is the performers are taking up the benches all day.

Commissioner Mathiesen suggested testing decibels with the performers at curb side of sidewalk. Allowing 80 decibels at 50 feet is loud for street performers. The noise ordinance should be amended to include this issue.

PRESENTATIONS

Street Performers Update

Mayor Yepsen advised Tony Izzo will do this earlier in the meeting.

2014 Preliminary Year-End Financial Report

Commissioner Madigan advised this will be the unaudited report. She won't have the final audited numbers until July or August. She will be sending out a press release today regarding the budgets.

Saratoga Springs Financial Transparency Portal – OpenGov

Commissioner Madigan advised this will be a demo of the transparency portal. It is live. Data can be downloaded by year, month or line item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Yepsen stated there are 2 topics for discussion in executive session; one regarding an Article 7 and the other is collective negotiations.

Commissioner Madigan recommended the executive session be held in the City Council Room or in the city attorney's office.

Mayor Yepsen stated they have always held them in Commissioner Franck's office.

Tony Izzo advised his experience has been that things can be overheard in the hall if an executive session is held in the Council Room.

Mayor Yepsen stated location doesn't matter; it is the content of the session.

Commissioner Madigan stated she is not willing to have an executive session in the Accounts Department.

Mayor Yepsen stated she will clear the Council Room this time but in the future they will have to work something else out.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of 4/20/15 Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes
2. Approve Resolution for the Use of the Insurance Reserve – 16
3. Approve Resolution for the Use of the Insurance Reserve – 17
4. Approve Resolution for the Use of the Insurance Reserve – 18
5. Approve Budget Amendments – Insurance Reserve
6. Approve Budget Amendments (Increases)
7. Approve Budget Transfers – Regular
8. Approve Payroll 04/24/15 \$419,741.95
9. Approve Payroll 04/29/15 \$387.54
10. Approve Payroll 05/01/15 \$459,833.12
11. Approve Warrant: 2015 Mid – 15 MWAPR3 \$6,735.83
12. Approve Warrant: 2015 REG – 15MAY1 \$1,362,904.52

Commissioner Franck advised there will be another set of minutes added to the Consent Agenda.

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Discussion: Updated 2015 Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Yepsen thanked her staff for all their work and efforts regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Brad Birge of the Planning Department advised they incorporated everything received from the Council into the November draft document. The Council will need to set a public hearing and send to the County Planning Board for advisory opinion.

Discussion and Vote: Accept \$194 Donation from Crafters Gallery for Framing of Centennial Proclamations

No comments.

Set Public Hearing: To Amend the 2015 Capital Budget & Program for Purchase of Development Rights of the Pitney Family Farm

Mayor Yepsen advised they received the resolution late Friday from the Open Space Committee.

Set Public Hearing: Use of Open Space Bond Authority to Purchase Development Rights of Pitney Family Farm

No comments.

Announcement: Memorial Day Parade

No comments.

Mayor Yepsen advised she is adding an item to her agenda: Discussion: GEIS for Race Course Improvements.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Article 7 Proposed Settlement for Multiple Parcels

Commissioner Franck advised they will be discussing this in today's executive session.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with Hoosick Valley Contractors

Marilyn Rivers advised this contract is for repairs to the Arts Council from the ice damage claim in February. The total amount of the contract is \$19,900.

Award of Bid: Parking Deck Stairs Replacement to Debrino Caulking Associates, Inc.

No comments.

Award of Bid: Pipe, Fittings, Hydrants and Valves to Ferguson Waterworks

No comments.

Discussion and Vote: Resolution to Approve Retroactive Non-Profit Exemption for the Legal Aid Society of NE New York

Tony Popolizio of the Assessment Department advised this resolution will allow the Legal Aid Society to qualify for a tax exemption. The Legal Aid Society purchased property from the County and lost the exemption due to failure to apply for the exemption in a timely manner.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Contingency (Boots Policy)

No comments.

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll

No comments.

Commissioner Madigan advised she may be added an item to her agenda regarding IT Help Desk Tech.

Mayor Yepsen asked Commissioner Madigan if she could expand upon what that item entails.

Commissioner Madigan stated she doesn't have an idea or any more details regarding this yet. It does not have anything to do with space.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Addendum Agreement with Fitzgerald Morris Baker & Firth

Commissioner Scirocco stated this is regarding on-going litigation with L.G. White.

Discussion and Vote: Sick Bank Request

No comments.

Discussion and Vote: Accept a Gift of Services from Saratoga County Foundation – Drilling of High Rock Park

Tony Izzo advised the Saratoga County Foundation has offered to engage services of Hawk Drilling to open High Rock Park.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement with Hawk Drilling Co., Inc. – High Rock Park

No comments.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Announcement: Sgt. Mark Leffler Receives Recognition of Excellence Award

No comments.

Announcement: 2014 Officer of the Year

No comments.

Set Public Hearing: Amend Chapter 225, Article IX; 225-89, Schedule XXIV: Load Zones (Passenger) and Amend Chapter 225, Article IX; 225-90, Schedule XXV; Taxi Stand

Commissioner Mathiesen advised this relates to Wright Street and Frank Sullivan Place.

Set Public Hearing: Amend City Code Article 225, section 225-72, Schedule VII One-Way Streets

Commissioner Mathiesen advised they are reversing the direction of Senior Lane to run south to north rather than north to south as it is today.

SUPERVISORS

MATTHEW VEITCH

Supervisor Veitch advised he will not be able to attend tomorrow's City Council meeting so he is presenting his report this morning.

NYS Consolidated Funding Solicitation

Supervisor Veitch reported that applications are now being accepted through July 31st. There is a Consolidated Funding workshop schedules for May 6th at the New York State Convention Center.

Sheriff Staffing Subcommittee

Supervisor Veitch advised this committee is scheduled to meet May 12th at 2 p.m.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Supervisor Veitch announced this is new legislation for the Workforce Investment Board. Changes will be made effective July 1st.

PETER MARTIN

1. Greater Capital Region Chasing Assets, Savings and Hope Program
2. Capital Region Vietnam Veterans Exhibit

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of Article 7s and contract negotiations at 10:26 a.m.

The Council returned at 11:15 a.m. There was nothing to report.

ADJOURN

Mayor Yepsen adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk
Approved:
Vote: