



City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 06, 2021 at 6:00 PM
27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett Called meeting to order at 6:02 pm

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Kelly Garrett

Council members: Jalen Jennings, Bruce Kantor, Barbara Kenez, Karen Miller

Also Present: City Administrator, Dr. Sheryl Mitchell-Theriot, Assist. City Administrator/Treasurer, Pamela Bratschi, City Attorney, Scott Baker, Director Community and Economic Development/DDA, Susie Stec, Police Chief, Scott McKee, Building Director, Rami Sweden, Government Operations Assistant, Kelda London

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor suggested the addition to appointment the Chair of the infrastructure committee. Council member Kenez suggested to add cannabis as a discussion item.

Agenda was approved as amended.

5. **Public Comments for Items on the Agenda** (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

None

6. **Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval**

A. Appointment of Acting City Administrator(s)

Dr. Sheryl Mitchell-Theriot explained the process and the strengths of the 3 suggested appoints, and the role of each.

Motion by Council member Jennings and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor

Yes: Jennings, Kenez, Garrett, Kantor

No: Miller

Motion carried

B. Authorize Mayor to Seek Proposal for Executive Search for City Administrator

Yes: Kenez, Garrett, Kantor, Jennings

No: Miller

C. Appointment – Southfield Public Schools Liaison

Mayor ProTem Kantor motioned to have Council member Miller serve as Southfield Public Schools Liaison. Motion seconded by Council member Jennings

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Kenez, Miller

D. Appointment – Recreation Advisory Committee Liaison

Council member Jennings made a motion to appoint Barbara Kenez as the Recreation Advisory Committee Liaison. Motion seconded by Mayor ProTem Kantor.

Yes: Kantor, Jennings, Kenez, Miller, Garrett

No: None

E. Appointment – SEMCOG Delegate and Alternate

Mayor ProTem Kantor made a motion to appoint Council member Jennings as the delegate and Mayor Garrett as the alternate to SEMCOG.

Yes: Jennings, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Kantor

No: None

F. Appointment – Chair of the Infrastructure Study Group

Motion by Council member Jennings to appoint Mayor ProTem Kantor as Chair of the Infrastructure Study Group. Motion seconded by Mayor ProTem Kantor.

Yes: Jennings, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Kantor

No: None

G. Appointment – Infrastructure Study Group Advisor

Council member Miller made a motion to appoint Council member Barbara Kenez as the Infrastructure Study Group Advisor. Motion seconded by Council member Jennings.

Yes: Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Kantor, Jennings
No: None

H. Appointment – Planning Commission Liaison

Council member Jennings nominated Mayor Pro Tem Kantor as the Planning Commission Liaison; Council member Miller nominated herself as Planning Commission Liaison. After a brief discussion Council member Kenez made a motion to appoint Council member Miller. Motion was seconded by Council member Miller. Mayor ProTem made a motion to appoint himself as Planning Commission Liaison. Motion seconded by Council member Jennings

The vote for Council member Miller;

Yes: Miller, Kenez
No: Kantor, Jennings, Garrett
Motion Denied.

Vote for Mayor ProTem Kantor

Yes: Jennings, Garrett, Kantor
No: Kenez, Miller

Motion carried to appoint Mayor ProTem Kantor as the Planning Commission Liaison

I. Resolution - To Appoint a Representative and Alternate to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA)

Mayor ProTem Kantor made a motion to adopt the attached resolution and appoint Council member Miller as the Representative and Susan Stec as the Alternate to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority and authorize city staff to notify SOCWA. Motion seconded by Council member Jennings.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller
No: None

Motion carried.

J. Resolution to Appoint – SOCRRRA Representative and Alternate

Council member Jennings moved to adopt the attached resolution and appoint Susan Stec and the Representative and Rami Sweden as the Alternate and authorize city staff to notify SOCRRRA. Motion seconded by Mayor ProTem Kantor.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett
No: None

Mayor Garrett suggested an amendment to the agenda by moving Item L. Cannabis to Item K.

K. Council member Kenez expressed concern with the additional administrative responsibilities of staff members that the cannabis application process be postponed. Mayor Garrett agreed. Attorney Baker explained the process to resend the resolution, and he will prepare the 2 resolutions needed for the next Regular Council Meeting on December 20, 2021

1.) To resend the resolution establishing the application process.

2.) A resolution to delay the application process to a later date to be determined based on city staffing.

L. 2021 Election Cycle Process

Council member Miller expressed concerns regarding questions that she and others had related to the 2021 election cycle process. Attorney Baker addressed those questions.

M. City Council Orientation

Attorney Baker presented a number of options for City Council training opportunities in-person and virtual meetings. Dr. Sheryl Theriot reminded council that there is cost associated with virtual meetings. Mayor Garrett directed staff to find out the cost and add it to the December 20, 2021 agenda.

7. **Public Comment**

Mr. Wilson Andrews 27852 Rainbow Circle expressed concern regarding Code Enforcement.

Kaylin Danforth – Council unity.

8. **Mayor and Council Comments**

Encourage council to work together and extend grace to one another and move the city forward.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned @ 8:46

I Kelda London, acting on behalf of the City Clerk, for the City of Lathrup Village, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at the Regular meeting of the Lathrup Village City Council held on December 6, 2021.