



City Council Study Session

Monday, August 04, 2025 at 6:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett at 6:00 pm

2. **Discussion Items**

A. Triangle Properties - Request for Proposal

Mayor Garrett, Councilmembers, Attorney Baker, and City Administrator Greene discussed:

- The two triangle lots, the DDA and City own, the City received no bids regarding developing these properties, and CA Greene wanted to know if the Council wanted to seek development proposals again.
- Residents will have a chance to submit a proposal that could be for a park, fitness court, nature center, or another idea
- Communicating with residents in different ways, other than the newsletter that they can submit proposals
- Whether or not we should ask for bids, because some residents are against the sites being developed, and want it to be a green space; however, residents can submit a proposal for the sites to be a green space
- Is the City interested in developing it, and the money it would take to develop these sites, that would be financially feasible
- Neighbors can come together to pitch in for a plan and then the upkeep of the site, so it will not fall back on the City, because there is a cost to the City when the City has to maintain properties
- Maintaining properties and the City asking owners to maintain their properties, like the "House in the Woods"
- Yes, Council is interested in publishing an RFQ again

B. Joint Council & Planning Commission Meeting - Master Plan Kickoff

Mayor Garrett, Councilmembers, Attorney Baker, and City Administrator Greene discussed:

- Explanation of a grant that we have received that can be used for the Master Plan and the related timeline for the Master Plan review
- The Master Plan must be reviewed every five years to stay grant eligible and for RRC certification
- The approximate cost is \$40,000 for a Master Plan review/update
- Wanting to get residents' input on the Master Plan
- Residential input through the website with surveys, and dedicated Town Halls
- Planning Commission meetings and the Master Plan process

- One large Open House by a Planning Company and the City, having a few more Open Houses

C. Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Proposed Uses

Mayor Garrett, Councilmembers, Attorney Baker, and City Administrator Greene discussed:

- Council was asked if there are any other businesses that they want to regulate.
- Vape Shops – and looking into whether any other Communities have regulated them, and if there were any challenges related to regulating them
- Cryptocurrency and Bitcoin ATMs, warnings to alert people of possible scams, education regarding the scams, and the discussions and work that have already been done by the Planning Commission
- Donation Bins, and specific wording related to the donation bins, to regulate their location, and make sure they are not in the right of way
- Required parking spots in our ordinances and donation bins are taking up parking spots

3. Public Comments

Diane Anderson referenced a booklet about the Constitution and commented on the Constitution Article 6, and the City Charter regarding the Mayor's duties, and not seeing anywhere that the Mayor can make defamatory statements. Ms. Anderson expressed that she thought the Mayor's comments on Juneteenth did not encompass White Americans who also believe in equal rights and support Juneteenth.

Lauren Beras commented on the garbage in front of Rita's Ice and Middle Eats, and asked what it takes to get garbage bins placed there? She also commented that the City could have profited more from the "House in the Woods," but took less because of the stipulation that it had to be maintained.

4. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor commented:

Thought that there were supposed to be garbage cans in the vicinity near Middle Eats and Rita's Ice, and Attorney Baker confirmed that a trash bin was required by the sidewalk of the PUD approval for Panera.

Councilmember Hammond commented:

To Ms. Anderson, the absence of a reference of something does not imply a complete disregard for that issue.

5. Adjourn 6:31 pm