



City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, September 25, 2023, 7:30 pm

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett at 7:30 pm

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Garrett, Councilmember Jennings, Councilmember Kenez, Councilmember Miller

Staff Present: City Clerk Kelda London, City Attorney Scott Baker

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Motion by Councilmember Jennings to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Kantor. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller.

Yes: Jennings, Kenez, Miller, Garrett

No: None

Motion carried

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Councilmember Jennings to approve the agenda with the removal of Action Item 7 C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Miller.

Yes: Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried

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

None

6. **Consent Agenda**

All items listed under "Consent Agenda" are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the City Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion. If a discussion is desired, that item(s) will be removed from the consent agenda and discussed separately immediately after consent agenda approval in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes 08.21.23
 - Study Session Meeting Minutes 09.11.23
- B. Police Department Monthly Reports
- C. Building Department Reports
 - Permits Issued
 - Enforcement Report
- D. July 2023 Fire Department Report
August 2023 Fire Department Report
- E. Disbursement Report

Motion by Councilmember Miller to approve the Consent Agenda removing from the list Item A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes and Item E. Disbursement Report. Councilmember Kenez seconded the motion.

Yes: Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kenez
No: None
Motion carried.

Councilmember Miller corrected the meeting minutes regarding her statement about the credit card policy. Councilmember Miller also questioned the office supply, printing and publication costs, and part-time salaries approved under the DDA budget.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes of 08-21-23 and 9-11-23, and Councilmember Kenez seconded the motion.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kenez, Miller
No: None
Motion carried.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the Disbursement Report, a motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Yes: Jennings, Kenez, Miller, Garrett
No: None
Motion carried.

7. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

A. MML Liability & Property Pool Renewal Proposal

The renewal premium for the Property and Liability insurance policy, effective September 1, 2023, with the MML Liability & Property Pool, is \$92,998 compared to the previous premium of \$91,110, a premium increase of \$1,888 or 2%.

Councilmember Jennings moved to approve the renewal of the MML Liability & Property Pool Renewal Proposal at the annual rate of \$92,998, effective September 1, 2023, and authorize the Mayor and/or Interim City Administrator to sign the related documents. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion.

Yes: Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried.

B. Agreement for Election Services

The agreement between Oakland County Election Division, the City of Southfield, and Lathrup Village for the facilitation, staffing, and execution of the nine-day early voting.

Councilmember Jennings moved to approve the agreement for election services and authorize the Clerk to sign all related documents.

Yes: Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kenez,

No: None

Motion carried.

C. Leaf Storage Agreement with The City of Ferndale

The annual agreement with the City of Ferndale for the use of their Southwest storage yard as a transfer site for leaves. The storage period is from October 9, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Councilmember Jennings moved to approve the agreement between the City of Ferndale and Lathrup Village regarding using Southwest Storage Area as a leave transfer site. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kenez, Miller

No: None

Motion carried.

8. City Administrator Report

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Day on October 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm, including the drop off of hazardous waste, old electronics, and shredding.

9. Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Councilmember Miller reported that SOCCA and SOCWA are interviewing for a General Manager. Also, SOCCA is continuing to schedule Saturday appointments.

Councilmember Jennings reported that SEMCOG will hold their General Assembly Meeting on Thursday, October 26 2023.

10. City Attorney Report

No Report

11. Unfinished / New Business

Councilmember Miller requested that the property adjudicate to Goldengate Park remain a discussion item on the agendas. Also, a joint meeting with the Council, Planning Commission, and DDA is scheduled.

12. Public Comment (speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

Tamiko Ball – Pictures taken of the minor Boyz2Men volunteers

Lauren Bares - Lathrup Village Music Festival and the budget discussion at the candidate forum.

Micheal House – Speaking on behalf of Boyz2Men

Laurie Kunz – Money spent along the Southfield corridor. Boyz2Men liability concerns.

Tamiko Ball reiterated that the pictures were derogatory in nature.

Joshua Lawerance – Answered some of the previous concerns.

13. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Garrett also expressed her concern because the pictures were taken of her backyard from a neighbor's property. The fact that the young men were dropped off in the city van is disappointing. “ But I will fill the van with gas to try to make the situation better.” The Mayor apologized for them being dropped off in the city van.

Councilmember Kenze expressed concern related to the liability of the city regarding Boyz2Men.

City Attorney Baker explained that he has met with the Director of the Boyz2Men Organization and the DDA Director. The issues that have been brought up have all been addressed.

Councilmember Miller expressed further concerns with the Boyz2Men volunteers using the city van. She also expressed concerns about the water billing due dates overlapping and asked for City Interim Administrator Bratschi to investigate.

Mayor Garrett read into the record a statement from Roger Lynn regarding the tree grant.

Councilmember Miller addressed a previous comment regarding the budget deficit: “No one said there is a budget deficit. We have to have a balanced budget.”

14. Adjourn

Councilmember Jennings moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Miller seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.