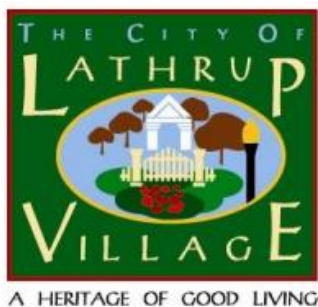




City Council Study Session

Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

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

Present: Mayor Kantor, Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, Councilmember Sousanis, Councilmember Jennings, Councilmember Hammond

Also Present: City Administrator Greene, DDA Director Colson, Attorney Baker, City Clerk Emanuel

2. **Discussion Items**

A. City Council FY 26-27 Goals

Councilmembers, City Administrator Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- At the last DDA meeting, they approved funding for up to 4 ½ hours of work by Thomas Kennedy for Parks and Recreation work/staffing
- Public acknowledgement of the Golden Rule and measuring that
 - How to measure the Golden Rule
 - Striving for the Golden Rule
- Possibly getting rid of See, Click, Fix
- A Formal list of all City Contracts
- 2025-2026 Progress, and continual updates
- Changing the format – measurable or striving for/working towards goals
- Having a CRM
- Having a Town Hall – possibly combining the Library discussion and the budget

B. Public Budget Input Session Feedback

City Administrator Greene shared that at the Public input session held on February 9, 2026, at City Hall, only 5 people attended, and some comments were received from those in attendance.

C. SOCRRA Cart+ v. Cart Only

Councilmembers, City Administrator Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- Can we bid both ways and want to see both sides (options) before we decide
- If the Resident had to call themselves and pay themselves for the extras

- The savings of the option of a Cart-Only contract
- The savings would be about \$30-\$40,000 for the City of Lathrup Village
- Recycling, Yard Waste, and Trash would all be part of this
- If there is a benefit/Advantage to Recycling, doing more Recycling
- Communities that had Priority Company, and their complaints

D. Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Councilmembers, City Administrator Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- ZBA Parking – the variance goes with the property; what happens with a change of use – it would be a different classification and threshold
- The Classification for Restaurant parking for sit-down (even if a few seats) versus pick-up restaurants
- Recommendations for the DDA and Board of Review appointments
- That there is an opening on the Planning Commission
- If we have a Study Session devoted to a mid-project review with Giffels Webster for the Master Plan, including an engagement plan, and how they picked the comparable Cities
- Expectation that we take a hard look at the Master Plan, including at a “Boulevard”, moving away from generalities to specifics, looking at real tradeoffs in the wording, and what the cost is.
- Engagement is not perceived to be high, and wanting more engagement
- Asking Chief Zang for more information on the Ballistic Shield Vests

3. Public Comments

Jonathan Tara expressed in part: asking for the new Communications and Engagement Committee, (City) Council, and the DDA to please get the word out about the April 29, 2026, Chase Bank, Lathrup Village Police Department, and DDA sponsored event on detecting scams it is at 10:00 am, and he asked if the time can be changed.

Autumn Sousanis, Rainbow Drive, expressed in part: for clarification about Crack sealing and mill and fill terms related to road repairs, and that she believes that it is unreasonable, illegal, and an unjustifiable requirement of setting up a camera before the meeting, and that she does not agree with that and having a set recording space.

Timothy Hillman expressed in part: thanks to Councilmember Hammond and Councilmember Sousanis for establishing the Communication and Engagement Committee, including Rick Wisz and other residents who want to be more engaged, and he referenced the Parking requirement discussion by the Planning Commission and the site plan review.

Laurie Kunz expressed in part: about a Town Hall discussing SOCRRA and Cart Plus on the agenda, as well as her belief that residents have less time to speak, being put on a Town Hall Agenda, and she thinks the Council is taking away all the amenities.

4. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Kantor:

- Crack sealing 3-5 year mark to protect the roads out of the Road Fund, not the General Fund
- Discussing with Giffels Webster about how long we can do a Mill and Fill before a replacement is needed on 11 and 12 Mile Roads
- Crack sealing on the top surface to stop water from getting under the road via cracks. Mill and Fill is taking off the top 3 inches and repaving.
- Fraud event – look into recording it
- The RFP's for SOCCRA - probably in January or February 2027
- The Pan-African Flag is in the Lobby on a pole, since the current outdoor Pole cannot handle 3 flags right now
- The Ordinance has the Pan-African Flag, and the Council can choose flags
- Making decisions close to the date, and trying to get ahead of things/do them in advance
- Requesting an open discussion of the Video Taping rule
- The Video Taping Rule was to minimize the disruptions to prior meetings
- Chief Zang is currently working on a May Fraud meeting, and having two sessions 1 aimed at the Elderly and 1 General Public session

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett expressed in part that the Pan-African Flag is not specifically for Black people; it is for White and Black people from Africa, and is not representative of Black History Month, which focuses on what Black people have done to contribute to history. She referenced that flying the Black Panther Flag would probably be more in alignment

5. Adjourn 7:02 pm