



City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 31, 2022 at 5:30 PM
27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett at 5:32

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Mykale Garrett

Council members: Council member Jennings, Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, Council member Kenez, Council member Miller,

Present: Interim City Administrator, Pam Bratschi, Susan Stec, Chief Scott McKee, City Attorney, Scott Baker, Government Operations Assistant, Kelda London

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of the Black History Month Resolution as Item G. moving Council information request & concerns to Item H.
Motion seconded by Council member Miller.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett

No: None

Motion carried

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

None

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

A. **KD Cement Contract Extension - Construction Year 2022**

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor motioned to approve the year 2 contract for KD Cement for construction year 2022, motion seconded by Council member Miller.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried

Motion by Council Member Jennings to approve the contract for year 2 district, motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

Yes: Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kantor

No: None

Motion carried

B. American Cell Tower - WSU presentation

Patrick Gossman PhD. -WSU was present to give an overview of his understanding of City's contract with American Tower, and his knowledge of 5G and what that means for the current American Tower Contract. Dr. Gossman recommended that Council hire a consultant to negotiate the current contract.

C. Lathrup School discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor motioned to adopt a resolution for The Lathrup School, motion seconded by Council member Kenez.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Kenez

No: Miller, Jennings

Motion carried.

D. Downtown Development Authority Appointments

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor to appoint Dan Sugg, Fred Prime, Charlotte Jones and Chief Scott McKee to the Downtown Development Authority Board, with terms that expire on February 1, 2026. Motion was seconded by Council member Jennings.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller

No: None

Motion carried.

E. Generator Quote update

Interim Administrator McKee has met with Lee Contracting, Detroit Electric and is still waiting for a quote from Eckler Electric. Detroit Electric and Lee Contracting will be a complete quote for the complete installation.

F. Butzel Long invoice

Council member Jennings motion to approve the Butzel Long reduced invoice from \$28,000 to \$15,000, motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

Yes: None

No: Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett

Motion denied.

G. Black History Month Resolution

Council member Jennings motioned to adopt the Black History Month Resolution, motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried.

H. Council information requests & concerns

Interim Administrator Stec explained that there have been a number of requests from Council members Miller and Kenez regarding staffing issues. This item has been placed on the agenda so it can be discussed by the entire Council. Council has been provided with the current personnel manual, a memo outlining the additional duties split by each Interim Administrators along with Ethics and Code of Conduct for City Council adopted November 8, 2019.

Attorney Baker stated that the Ethics and Code of Conduct should be drafted with input from Council, Staff and Consultants, so that everyone has input and ownership.

7. **Public Comment** (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

Trustee Johnson, Southfield School Board – Lathrup School Resolution

Kim Hodge 27580 California, -- Council unity

Mary Lou Rezneck 18880 San Jose – Council unity

Elaine Mantinan – Council unity

Ian Ferguson – Lathrup School Resolution

8. **Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Garrett commented that she did not vote to open a school, the vote was to cooperate with a property owner. There has been an outreach to have a relationship with Southfield Public School in the past. Mayor Garrett also address the issue of Council unity asking, “what can I do to be a better leader in taking the City forward?”

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor stated in 2019 Council felt very frustrated and neglected so Council member Ferguson reached to Southfield School Board to set up a meeting. In that meeting there was a list of follow up items, and never got any of the item asked for from the Board.

Council Miller read into record a letter from Overtime Training Company a letter requesting her support and cooperation in starting a basketball program in Lathrup Village. Also former Lathrup High School student Anthony McGlowin is preforming in Conversations and Cocktails as a part of the Black History Month Celebration at the Southfield Pavilion.

9. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, motion seconded by Council member Jennings.
Meeting adjourned at 8:21.