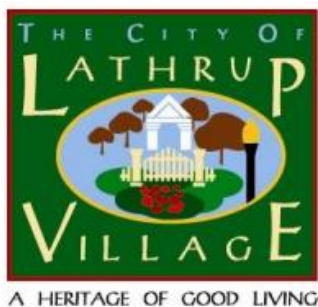




City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Kantor at 7:08 pm

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Kantor, Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond

Also Present: City Administrator Greene, Clerk Emanuel, Attorney Baker

Absent: n/a

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, to approve the Agenda with the amendment of omitting item 15.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

5. **Presentations**

A. Proclamation - Responsible Fatherhood Month

B. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Utility Rates

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

Jonathan Tara commented in part: about water rates, old versus the new rates, it seems it penalizes people with larger meters and larger houses need a larger meter, commented about filling a pool or watering a lot, and billing referencing that some cities have two meters or have some formula for the winter rate for the summer.

Diane Anderson commented in part that she is a key supporter of paying taxes and supported the Headlee override. She has questions about the revenue-raising source of the Community Room rentals and rates that some groups/organizations are paying for it.

Tim Hillman commented in part that residents raised over \$5,000 to purchase and install an auxiliary flagpole and expressed thanks to everyone who helped, and to Rocket Enterprises for honoring their 2025 quote, and encouraged Council to acquire a Centennial Flag for the 100th anniversary of Lathrup Village.

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett asked to go on the record for supporting responsible Fatherhood, but after looking into the organization Citizens Defending Freedom, which requested the proclamation, she found things that she is not comfortable with and does not support, and asked that our City look into proclamation requests before granting them.

Councilmember Sousanis commented in part that he looked them up and would not have stood up for that photo.

Mayor Kantor asked that we have something in place when people request a proclamation.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

i. 5-18-26 - City Council Study Session

ii. 5-18-26 - City Council Regular Meeting

B. Finance Department Reports

C. Building & Code Enforcement Reports

D. Community & Economic Development Report

E. Lathrup Village Police Department Monthly Report

F. Request to Approve SOCRA & SOCWA Appointments

G. Request to Adopt IT Disaster Recovery Plan

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the May 18, 2026, City Council Study Session minutes.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

Moved by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to approve the May 18, 2026 City Council Study Session minutes with the amendment of changing the comment from Mayor Kantor on the bottom of P. 21 from "Mayor Kantor commented in part: that he was against the Oakland Schools millage" to "the ISD millage does not appear to be in the City's best interest."

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

8. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

A. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-08 - Annual Fiscal Resolutions - Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve Resolution #2026-08 - Annual Fiscal Resolutions - Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

B. TABLED ITEM - Request to Approve the Cancellation of the Southfield Library Contract

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to move the Southfield Library contract off the table

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: Garrett

Motion carried

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to authorize modification of the existing contract with the Southfield Public Library to reduce the termination/cancellation notice period from one year to six months, contingent upon approval of the same modification by the Southfield City Council. If the Southfield City Council does not approve the proposed modification before June 30th, 2026, the contract shall be terminated in accordance with the current contract provisions requiring one year's notice of cancellation.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

C. Request to Approve the Installation of an Auxiliary Flagpole at City Hall

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, to approve the community-funded flagpole installation project, via Rocket Enterprises, for an estimated cost of \$5,050, and authorize staff to proceed with the necessary steps to complete the installation.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

D. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-12 - Opposing the Proposed Oakland County Regional Enhancement Millage

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve Resolution #2026-12 - Opposing the Proposed Oakland County Regional Enhancement Millage

Yes: Kantor

No: Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

Motion failed

E. Request to Approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Amendments

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget Amendments.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

F. Request to Schedule Special Meeting for End-of-the-Year Budget Amendments

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to schedule a Special Meeting for End of the Year Budget Amendments on June 25, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

G. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-13 - Authorizing the Execution of the Legal Services Agreement for the 3M & Dupont Public Drinking Water Settlements

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve Resolution #2026-13 - Authorizing the Execution of the Legal Services Agreement for the 3M & Dupont Public Drinking Water Settlements.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

H. Request to Approve Fire Services Agreement with the City of Southfield

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve a one-year extension of the Fire Services Agreement with the City of Southfield.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

I. Request to Approve Building Department Services Agreement with McKenna Associates, Inc.

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to Approve the Building Department Services Agreement with McKenna Associates, Inc.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

9. City Administrator Report - None

- 10. City Attorney Report** – The City of Southfield Attorney King sent over an amendment to the contract, which modifies the cancellation term from one-year to six months, as we requested, and there was a mention of a 1 mill adjustment discussion, and he will update us with more information to come.

11. Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

- a. Downtown Development Authority – at the last meeting, they agreed to have a search committee to find a replacement for DDA Director Colson, and four applicants have been scheduled for interviews. The DDA approved the PILOT cost share agreement with the City, with a 50/50 split between the DDA and the City for the School project.
- b. Parks & Recreation – Food Truck Fridays are in full swing, and the Committee welcomes feedback from residents to know which ones to invite back. Feedback can be sent by email to: Bkantor@lathrupvillage.org. The LVMF-Lathrup Village Music Festival is still seeking child-centered vendors. Interested parties can also email Mayor Kantor. The DIA Inside Out artwork is around the city, and DIA Docent Chuck Snelling has done 2 tours and will be adding more of them. The LVCF-Lathrup Village Community Foundation Wednesday Night Concert Series starts July 1st at 7 pm with DeSoto Drive
- c. Planning Commission – Commission members will hear more feedback from the online surveys that closed May 31st. There were just under 300 total responses. The results of the surveys are in the June 16th Planning Commission meeting online agenda packet. There is a Study Session at 6:00 pm, and the meeting is at 7:00 pm. There will be a Master Plan Open House on July 21st from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.
- d. Tree Committee – No report
- e. Communications & Engagement – they finalized their ADA recommendations on compliance across the board per the Council's feedback, and it will be given to the Council at the next Study Session. They have finalized the survey and checked off items the Council asked for, and the Committee Chairman resigned, effective immediately, and they have an open spot.

f. Southfield School Board – Councilmember Jennings had the privilege of helping to confer students from Southfield A&T and University High School Academy with over 10 million dollars in scholarships. Councilmember Jennings is working on getting the school reps back in attendance at the meetings and will talk to the Superintendent to get more information to share with the Community about the millage.

g. Chamber of Commerce - None

12. Unfinished / New Business

Councilmember Sousanis and Mayor Kantor discussed the costs of printing and postage for the Communications and Engagement Committee’s foundational survey, discussing in part:

- The Committee is requesting budget money to distribute the survey to every door
- It is a foundational survey to find channels that residents use to get Communication from the City
- The estimated cost is about \$1700 with postage and printing
- They are asking Council for 50% and will possibly ask the DDA for the other 50%
- Suggested Council pay for postcards and the Committee hand deliver the surveys, as the LVMF has done, and Committee members feel that is not really aligned with what they were formed to do, and some members could not do that
- The biggest concern is that this survey hits every house and business
- Thinks the survey will give you (the City) savings in return
- The Survey will be on the postcard
- The amount/quantity of surveys that they expect to get back
- Any redundancy, would it be online – ways to check for double counting
- Create a QR code and all channels
- Possibly getting a Postcard rate with our discount and see if the DDA is willing to pay

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

Lauren Beras, commented in part: thanks to Chief Zang for showing up to meetings and to Fire Chief Thorington, for coming to the meeting and complimented (the Southfield Fire Department) for a recent under four minute response to a life threatening emergency 911 call, with about seven caring responders, she thinks the Communication and Engagement Committee is doing a great job, but opposes the use of funds for the Committee and that all the Committees find ways including the Parks and Recreation Committee, and suggested fund raising or sponsorship, and offered to volunteer and share a list of volunteers to help pass out the surveys.

Leslie Balian commented in part: about Sarrackwood Park, and that a resident is trying to do a fundraiser, and there is another park that does not have swings, and she believes that just the swings would make the park usable, and hopes the cost of swings could be put in the budget.

Tim Hillman, commented in part: that he agrees that the City could come up with money for swings, on the nature of the relationship between the City of Southfield and the City of Lathrup Village City Councils, that he did not like the late notice they (Southfield) gave Lathrup about the Joint

Meeting and that they moved on the Library topic, but we only found out during this meeting. Mr. Hillman believes the spirit and tenor of the relationship could be great, yet encourages Council to remember that we are a partner and paying customer to Southfield and that they owe us due diligence and respect, in his opinion. He also wants to hear from the School Board on the millage more than from our Council.

Diane Anderson commented in part that she was representing the Daughters of the Revolution, and this year we will be celebrating 250 years of the Declaration of Independence, and there will be a reading on July 8th at 6 pm across the United States, and locally, the Three Flags Chapter is one of the sponsors of the event.

14. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Kantor commented in part:

- To Tim Hillman – the late meeting notice was because it was difficult to coordinate with that many people and moving parts, which is why we confirmed the day before
- To Leslie Balian – they are aware of the need for swings and are working on getting them
- To Jonathan Tara – about separate meters, we are billed by Evergreen Farmington Sewer District by how much water we use, and we (the City) would still have to pay for it
- At the Town Hall, there was a discussion of \$4,000 for the printing and mailing of the Headlee postcard; it was about \$1300 for the printing and postage
- We would like to meet with the City of Southfield on an Annual or Semi-annual basis
- Resignation of Robin Kinnie on the Communication and Engagement Committee, if anyone is interested in applying forward it to (City Administrator) Greene
- Happy Pride Month
- Recognize Juneteenth Awareness Day and encourage everyone to spend time learning about Juneteenth

Councilmember Sousanis commented in part:

- Regarding the late (Joint meeting) notice, we were dealing with the Library Board until some Council members met with Southfield Council members in an unofficial capacity, and they showed real interest in getting involved, and they found a time for a meeting; it was not their fault for the late notice
- Regarding our relationship with Southfield:
 - They were very cooperative in the Joint Meeting; suggested we meet more often
 - We voted opposite on Southfield Road
 - We are considering cancelling the Library depending on the negotiation
 - We are reviewing all their Contracts publicly
 - We decided tonight not to mimic their (ISD) Resolution
- We have looked at the Community Room rules and places we can improve (clarify what the requirements are), and get those rules out as well as what it takes to be a partner
- We do have rules regarding Non-profits
- He has looked at Boys 2 Men (site), and there is no problem serving a segment, especially if it is a natural selection of who's coming to ask for the help
- To Lauren's point on the surveys, he will talk again to the Committee

Councilmember Hammond commented in part:

- Council President Hicks was very supportive of getting the meeting done and improving our relationship with both the quality and consistency of our discussions
- Collectively choosing times for the Joint meetings to happen, and notice is easier to give, so people on both Councils can plan for it
- Suggests that when we vote on our meeting dates for next year, we cover that as well

Councilmember Jennings commented in part:

- To Tim Hillman – He will reach out to the School Board President to get their opinion and see if they can publicly share their position and why they put it on the ballot
- Thanks to Chief Thorington for showing up

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett commented in part:

- The Jackson House visit was not a City event; it was given by her, and she chose the residents to go. Whenever she gets free things she can share, she will do so
- In regard to the better relationship with Southfield, it is a Council to Council their Mayor can't vote, we as a Council are better at collaborating with the actual Council

~~15. Request to Enter into a Closed Session per MCL 15.268(a) to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of the City Administrator~~

~~A. Open Session – Request to Approve City Administrator Compensation Increase~~

16. Adjourn at 9:17 pm