



City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2026, at 7:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett at 7:10 am

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond, Jennings

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

Absent: Mayor Kantor

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to excuse Mayor Kantor.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 5.A. a Proclamation condemning the fatal ICE shootings in Minnesota and expressing solidarity with the affected Cities.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried.

5. **Presentations**

A. Proclamation condemning the fatal ICE shootings in Minnesota and expressing solidarity with the affected Cities was read.

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

Timothy Hillman expressed in part: concerns regarding the Library Millage, and if it is defeated, will that mean that the Library contract will be canceled, or will the City Council look for

other ways to fund a Library contract, and asked if Council members believed Libraries are an essential service for the City.

Jay Lee, Munson Cleaners, expressed in part that construction on 696 and the roads has had a huge financial impact, reducing his income by 50%, and wanted to know if any Council members knew of any programs that offered help for businesses like his.

7. **Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Minutes

i. 12-15-25 - City Council Study Session

ii. 12-15-25 - City Council Regular Meeting

iii. 1-5-26 - City Council Study Session

B. Building & Code Enforcement Reports

C. Finance Department Reports

D. Community & Economic Development Reports

E. LVPD Monthly Reports

F. Request to Receive & File the LVDDA Annual Report

G. Request to Receive & File the LVPD Annual Report

H. Request to Approve Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Calendar

I. Request to Approve Partnership Agreement between City of Lathrup Village & Lathrup Village Historical Society

J. Request to Approve Partnership Agreement between the City of Lathrup Village & Lathrup Village Nature Group

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve the consent agenda.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried.

8. **Public Hearings**

A. **Delinquent Water & Sewer Special Assessments**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:17 PM by Mayor Pro-Tem Garrett

Public Comments:

Lillian Kyser-Lowery expressed in part: looking at the list and the amounts owed, there are some red flags and possible bigger problems (that the people who owe the bills are facing), and that the City should look into what is going on and what the City can do, before sending the bills to their taxes.

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett expressed that she experienced an issue that she did not even know about that caused her to have a high water bill, and that the (Assessment) money goes to the County and they send it back, and that some people choose to put it (pay it) on their taxes.

Closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 pm

9. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

A. Request to Adopt Special Assessment Roll Resolution #2026-01 - Outstanding Water/Sewer Bills

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to adopt the Special Assessment Roll Resolution #2026-01.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried.

B. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-02 - Decertification of Red River Drive north of Glenwood Boulevard

Moved by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve Resolution #2026-02 – Decertification of Red River Drive North of Glenwood Boulevard.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried.

C. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-03 - Decertification of Sunnybrook Avenue west of Red River Drive

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve Resolution #2026-03 – Decertification of Sunnybrook Avenue West of Red River Drive.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond
No: N/A
Motion Carried.

D. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-04 - Authorizing a Library Services Millage Proposal to be Placed on the Ballot for November 3, 2026

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve Resolution #2026 04 – Authorizing a Library Services Millage proposal to be placed on the ballot for November 3, 2026.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond
No: N/A
Motion Carried.

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

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

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond
No: N/A
Motion Carried.

F. Request to Approve Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Boundary Map Engineering

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Hammond to approve the Giffels Webster Boundary Survey and Legal Description Proposal for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for a cost of \$6,000.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond
No: N/A
Motion Carried.

G. Request to Approve Communications & Engagement Committee Appointments

Moved by Councilmember Sousanis, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to expand the committee to seven (7) members and accept all seven (7) applicants (Kenita Doss, Charles Hall, Robin Kinnie, Carlisa Mathis, Chuck Snelling, Rick Wisz, and Erica Alford) to the Communication and Engagement Committee.

Yes: Garrett, Hammond, Sousanis, Jennings
No: N/A
Motion Carried.

10. **City Administrator Report** None

11. **City Attorney Report** None

12. **Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

a. Downtown Development Authority

b. Planning Commission – At the last meeting: Tabled Officer Elections due to attendance, approved annual report for submission to Council, approved a Public Hearing for the February 17th meeting for an amendment to the Solar and Battery Energy Storage Systems, Reviewed the 2021 Master Plan goals, future Master Plan dates are Housing on February 17, 2026, Transportation on March 17, 2026, and Economic Development in the April 21st, 2026 meeting.

c. Parks & Recreation - None

d. Tree Committee - None

e. Southfield School Board-Reopening schools tomorrow, and a Bond meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28th, from 5:30-7:30 pm at Morris Adler Elementary at 19100 Filmore St., Southfield, MI

f. Communications & Engagement - None

g. Chamber of Commerce – Will be hosting a Black History panel at City Hall on February 26th from 6-9 pm with State Representative Jason Hoskins, Lathrup Village Women’s Group longtime member Loretta DeLoach and former City Council member Maria Mannarino Thompson, this is in conjunction with the Lathrup Village DDA and Boys 2 Men Mentoring program, and will have a performance Jalen Seawright, who performed “Lift Every Voice” – for the children of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the King Center.

13. **Unfinished / New Business** None

14. **Public Comment** (speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

Timothy Hillman, expressed in part: to please take comforters and jackets to Munson Cleaners to support their business, and that everyone who voted against the Headlee Override did not necessarily do it out their best interest because of their family’s budget, because some believe that the Council and Administration have not been good stewards of their tax dollars, and some people might also feel that way about the Library millage, so information that the Library millage funds can only be used for Library services should be prominently displayed.

Laurie Kunz, expressed in part: that she is against one of the Communication and Engagement Committee, members being appointed, because of her personal communications with that person, and gave some specific reasons, and spoke about comments made at the December 15th, Council Study Session regarding the budget versus a Facebook post about the budget and the post referring to a whole page of things related to the budget.

Karen Harris expressed in part that she agrees that the (Communication and Engagement) Committee has a nice, diverse group, spoke in support of the person that Ms. Kunz did not want on the Committee, she is glad that there are new people, and thanked the Council for all they do.

15. Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember Jennings referred the owner of Munson Cleaners to the Oakland Thrive Organization and shared their phone number and website.

Councilmember Sousanis:

- Spoke of the danger of the stop sign that is covered on W. 11 Mile Road, coming out of Lathrup, and asked CA Greene to reach out to MDOT for help with this concern, and suggested a new sign to direct traffic.
- Happy to have seven (7) new people to bridge the gaps of what we have seen, and have high hopes for the (Communication and Engagement) Committee

16. Adjourn

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.