



City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2025 at 7:30 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett at 7:32 pm
2. **Roll Call**

Present: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

Also Present: CA Greene, Attorney Baker, City Clerk Emanuel, DDA Intern Kennedy.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve the Agenda, adding a new item 5 A, for a report from Southfield Public Schools.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried

5. **Presentations**

- A. Southfield Public Schools Report:

Student representative Micaela Beckford gave a report for both Southfield A&T and Southfield University High Schools, reporting the latest activities at the schools, information on upcoming events, and highlighting student achievements.

- B. National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation

Millie K. Hall of Brady United Against Gun Violence, along with Tijuana Morris and Don Wiggins of Moms Demand Action, spoke about their mission to end gun violence in this country, and that June is National Gun Violence Awareness month, and Mayor Garrett read the Proclamation.

- C. LVDDA St. Baldrick's Foundation Event Recap

Thomas Kennedy spoke about the St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser that raised over \$1,500, which was held at City Hall, and the person who inspired his work for this organization was his classmate Stephanie, who passed away at age 11 from Cancer. Mr. Kennedy thanked the donors for their support.

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

Lauren Beras, Goldengate W, spoke in support of passing PA 33, mentioning that she doesn't want to lose a Police or City Administrative staff member, and thanked City Administrator Greene for his good work for Lathrup Village. Mrs. Beras thanked Thomas Kennedy for his St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser.

Addell Anderson, homeowner since 2004, spoke of the reasons she wanted to be chosen as the appointed member of the City Council to fill the vacant position.

Karen Harris, Cambridge Blvd., spoke in support of the City Council, commenting that “residents should support you and your efforts, nobody wants higher taxes, but sometimes you have to do what you have to do.” Ms. Harris appreciates the great job that the Parks & Recreation department is doing, and appreciates the many different small groups of people who are contributing to our City, and has enjoyed her work volunteering for the Historical Society.

Saleem Siddiqi, lived here since 1996, commented in support of PA 33 for one year, he loves the feel of the City and that we have the needed services, and does not want any cuts in our City services that could effect the quality of life, and is in support of putting a Headlee override on the November Ballot.

Jillian Holloway has lived here for 24 years, and she spoke of the reasons she wanted to be chosen as the appointed member of the City Council to fill the vacant position.

Tracy Williams, who has lived in two different homes in Lathrup Village, spoke of the reasons she wanted to be chosen as the appointed member of the City Council to fill the vacant position.

Harolyn Nimmo, who has lived here since 2016, spoke of the reasons she wanted to be chosen as the appointed member of the City Council to fill the vacant position.

Diane Anderson congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Kantor and the Finance Review Committee for the presentations regarding PA 33 and Headlee, and thinks adding some Pie Chart visuals on the website will help. Ms. Anderson spoke of Indian Village in Detroit versus the Historic District in Lathrup Village, and thinks that we are doing nothing to enhance it and not speaking out for preservation. Ms. Anderson does not think the City has shown a need for more housing in Lathrup Village, because the presentation was given by the Surnow Company, not the Council.

Timothy Hillman thanked Thomas Kennedy for his Cancer fundraiser work, saying that his nephew passed away from Cancer and St. Baldrick’s was a part of helping him. Mr. Hillman was glad to see so many applicants and spoke of the reasons that he wanted to be chosen as the appointed member of the City Council to fill the vacant position.

Maria Mannarino Thompson, who was an elected City Council member for many years, 2004 -2017, spoke of the reasons that she wanted to be chosen as the appointed member of the City Council to fill the vacant position, stating that since she is familiar with the job, she can hit the ground running, and that she is not interested in running in November, just in the interim, and she is impressed with the applicants for City Council.

7. **Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Minutes

i. 4-21-25 - Study Session

ii. 4-21-25 - Regular Meeting

iii. 5-5-25 - Study Session

B. Building & Code Enforcement Reports

C. Finance Department Reports

D. LVPD Monthly Reports

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor to approve the consent agenda with the removal of items 7Ai & 7Aiii for discussion.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor to approve the meeting minutes from the April 21, 2025 Study Session (7.A.i), with the following edit, under the council comments for Councilmember Hammond's comments it currently reads "Ms. Kunz please call and ask the City before jumping to conclusions about TOHQ" and should read "Ms. Kunz, please call and ask the City before jumping to conclusions about TOHQ or any other business opening or operating in the City."

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor to approve the meeting minutes from the May 5, 2025 Study Session (7.A.iii) with the following edit, under section C, a bullet point states the DDA gets all the tax money received now in the DDA district, but the City can negotiate with the DDA; point should read that the DDA gets all the incremental tax money received now in the DDA district, but the City can negotiate with the DDA.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried

8. **Public Hearings**

A. Public Act 33 - Police & Fire Special Assessment District

Opened at 8:20 pm, no comments, closed at 8:20 pm.

B. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

Opened at 8:21pm, no comments, Closed 8:21pm.

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

A. **Request to Approve Resolution #2025-12 - A Resolution to Certify the Special Assessment Roll for the PA 33 Special Assessment**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve Resolution #2025-12 – A Resolution to Certify the Special Assessment Roll for the PA 33 Assessment, for 2 mils.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried

B. Request to Approve Resolution #2025-13 - Annual Fiscal Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve Resolution #2025-13 B – Annual Fiscal Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, swapping out \$15,000 for Community Room chairs for the carport for the Police Department, dollar for dollar.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried

C. Request to Approve 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried

D. Request to Approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Fee Book

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, to approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Fee Book.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried

E. Request to Approve Resolution #2025-14 - Authorizing a Headlee Override Millage Proposal to be Placed on the Ballot for November 4, 2025

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, to approve Resolution #2025-14 – Authorizing a Headlee Override Millage Proposal to be Placed on the ballot for November 4, 2025, with the following adjustments:

Originally proposed bullet points:

-Up to 20 mills from approximately 17.3001 mills (\$20 from approximately \$17.3001 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for general operating expenses for a period of ten (10) years, and

-Up to 3 mills from approximately 2.5948 mills (\$3 from approximately \$2.5948 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for sanitation/rubbish for a period of ten (10) years.

Adjusted:

-Restoring to 20 mills from approximately 17.3001 mills, per \$1,000 of taxable value (to \$20 from approximately \$17.3001) for general operating expenses for a period of ten (10) years, and

-Restoring to 3 mills from approximately 2.5948 mills, per \$1,000 of taxable value (to \$3 from approximately \$2.5948) for sanitation/rubbish for a period of ten (10) years.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried

F. Request to Approve SOCPWA Joint & Cooperative Agreement

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve the SOCPWA Joint & Cooperative Agreement.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried

G. Request to Approve City-Wide Garage Sale Date & Waive Fees

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve the City-Wide Garage Sale dates of June 21st and June 22nd, 2025, & waive fees.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried

H. Request to Appoint City Council Member - Term Ending November 10, 2025

Mayor Garrett recommended someone already familiar with working on the City Council, and recommended former Council Member Maria Mannarino Thompson.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to appoint Maria Mannarino Thompson as City Council member – term ending November 10, 2025.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion Carried

10. City Administrator Report

11. City Attorney Report

12. Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

a. Downtown Development Authority

b. Planning Commission

Councilmember Hammond reported that there is a meeting tomorrow, and they will announce that due to a resignation received last week, they have one open seat, and will review a pre-packaged food business, zoning ordinances for power polar panels and storage, payday loans, and small box retail stores.

c. Parks & Recreation

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor announced the next Food Truck Friday will be May 30th with “Agave and Lime” as the 1st Food Truck, Summer kick off event is June 13th, Puzzle night is on Oct 8th, the Second Annual Road Rally is Oct 12th, and Parks & Recreation has committed to working with the LVMF for the Family Zone activities.

d. Tree Committee

Mayor Garrett said the committee is looking for volunteers to plant trees on June 7th and 8th and they can sign up on Eventbrite.

e. Finance Review Committee Town Hall

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor said they had a good one last Monday, and they have more planned, with the next one on August 12, 2025, and there will be an ad in the Southfield Sun, they will be sending out postcards to residents, they are running a recorded video on LV cable, and there will be a poster in the lobby.

f. Southfield School Board

Councilmember Jennings said the Graduation Ceremonies will take place on June 6th, and he will be there.

13. Unfinished / New Business

Thomas Kennedy said that Councilmember Jalen Jennings has Proclamations for people who contributed to the St. Baldrick’s Day fundraiser.

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

Tim Hillman, complimented Kim Hodge who is the Precinct Delegate for Precinct 2 for her good organizing and work, he thanked: Mary, Nancy, and Susan, for bringing the Veteran’s Garden back to life, and mentioned the City reaching out to a Veteran’s organization to replace the missing plaque that Diane Anderson has mentioned at City Council meetings.

Lauren Beras said the Lathrup Village Music Festival line-up is locked in, with a Family Area with the Parks & Recreation's help, and she congratulated Maria Mannarino Thompson, and mentioned that Tracy, Tim, and Harolyn, who applied for the position, are friends of hers.

Jonathan Terra spoke of weekly littering of the community with the “Save Brochure,” and having talked to Attorney Baker and shared photos, and that he hopes to hear about something being done. Mr. Terra thanked Tim Hillman for going on Facebook and finding out that you can opt out of receiving the Save Brochures. He mentioned the DDC sent out several letters imploring residents to clean out their ditches, and feels some that were just done should not be the homeowners’ responsibility. Mr. Terra wants the Police Department to write more tickets to people impeding traffic in the intersection.

Diane Anderson said residents should look into and share with neighbors the Finance Review Committee Town Hall information, and complained about the lack of action taken by the DDA, Code Enforcement and the City Council that have contributed to trashing our history and historic

preservation.

15. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor, Congratulations, Maria Mannarino Thompson, and everyone who applied, please put your name on the ballot.

Councilmember Hammond, to Tim Hillman, that CA Greene should look into replacing the missing plaque, and to Diane Anderson, that he supports championing Historic Preservation.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor agreed with Jonathan Terra's statements about the dangerous driving in construction areas.

Councilmember Hammond noted that having Police cars near the construction area is some help and that GPS is telling people to turn down Meadowbrook.

16. Adjourn

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to adjourn at 9:22 PM.