



City Council Study Session

Monday, October 07, 2024 at 6:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

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1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett at 6:00 PM
 2. **Discussion Items**

- a. San Jose Blvd - Emergency Access

CA Greene discussed the cost estimate for adding a siren-activated gate to San Jose Blvd. to decrease emergency vehicle response times in this area of the City as they would then have access from Evergreen Rd.

While the City Council was thankful for seeing the estimated cost of this type of project, additional answers are needed before a more finalized recommendation could be presented. How exactly do the gates work? Is there a siren radius for the gate? Does SFD have metrics for runs on the northwest side of town? Is there a price estimate for a smaller/decorative gate?

- B. Proposed Zoning Change of 12 Mile Road

CED Director Colson & Councilmember Jennings discussed exploring the ability to rezone 12 Mile into Mixed Use Zoning, to facilitate development in the area. CED Director Colson noted that the current zoning puts limitations on what property owners and potential developers can do with the parcels and that mixed-use zoning would provide more flexibility. There was consensus among the Council to have the Planning Commission discuss this potential zoning change, and if warranted, forward a recommendation to the Council.

- C. Development Feasibility Report - California Dr. SW between Goldengate & Eldorado

CA Greene discussed a feasibility study that was presented to the DDA regarding the potential option of selling a DDA-owned lot and what could be developed there. In that feasibility study, there was also a section dedicated to land that is owned by the City. CA Greene sought input from the Council on whether they were interested in exploring the sale/development of the parcel. He noted that issuing a Request for Developer Qualifications (RFQ) does not mean the City will sell the parcel, but it would determine if there were developers interested.

The consensus between Councilmembers was to move forward with developing an RFQ. CA Greene noted that it is intended to have a similar conversation with the DDA again at their upcoming meeting regarding their parcel.

- D. Finance Review Committee Recommendation

During the September 23, 2024, City Council meeting, the Finance Review Committee presented their formal recommendation to the City Council, which included enacting Public Act 33 in 2025 and seeking a Headlee Override during the November 2025 election that would go into effect in 2026.

The Councilmembers discussed the recommendation, and the consensus was to include action items on the next regular meeting agenda to begin the process of implementing the recommendations.

3. Public Comments

William Daniels – Thank you to the Council for their service. Wondering why San Jose Blvd is still being discussed even though there was a town hall in February 2023. If the gate was to move forward, would want an ascetically pleasing gate.

Heather Newman – Lives across from the vacant lot on California Drive (DDA Lot). Would like to be notified if there are additional questions regarding lot sales of California Drive. Would the tax increase take the City off life support or would it provide additional services?

4. Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember Hammond: The City is working on a communications plan. Feedback like the Council received today is important.

5. Adjourn at 6:56 PM.