



City Council Regular Meeting Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:30 PM
27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. Call to Order by Mayor Garrett at 7:30 pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Garrett, Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, Councilmember Jennings, Councilmember Kenez, and Councilmember Miller

Also Present: Interim City Administrator Pamela Bratschi, City Attorney Scott Baker, City Clerk Kelda London

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the agenda, removing Action Item 7 D. Zoning Text Amendment. Councilmember Jennings seconded the motion.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett

No: None

Motion carried.

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

Mayor Garrett read into the record a comment from Jason Hammond - Website

6. Consent Agenda

All items listed under "Consent Agenda" are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the City Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion. If a discussion is desired, that item(s) will be removed from the consent agenda and discussed separately immediately after consent agenda approval in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes

Council Study Session 09.25.23

Regular Council Meeting 09.25.23

Council Study Session 10.02.23

Council Special Meeting 10.05.23

- B. Police Department Monthly Reports
- C. Building Department Reports
- D. Disbursement Report
- E. Community and Economic Development Report

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda, pulling Items B, Police Department Monthly Report, and Item D. Disbursement Report. Councilmember Kenez seconded the motion.

Yes: Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: Kantor

Motion carried.

Councilmember Miller brought a police incident involving the Lathrup Village Post Office to the attention of residents. There were also questions regarding items on the Disbursement Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the Police Department Monthly Report. Councilmember Kenez seconded the motion.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the Disbursement Report. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion.

Yes: Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kantor

No: None

Motion carried.

7. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

- A. Temporary Interim City Administrator

Interim City Administrator Bratschi will be out of the office for one month starting October 23, 2023. The council will need to appoint a temporary Interim City Administrator in her absence.

Councilmember Jennings moved to appoint Scott McKee as Temporary Interim City Administrator until the return of Pamela Bratschi with an additional increase of \$2000. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

Yes: Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez

No: None

Motion carried.

B. Website Redesign

Council has been presented with three proposals and presentations to replace the current website—Apptegy, Civic Plus, and our current web host, Revize.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve Apptegy Company to work with city staff to redesign the city’s website for an amount not to exceed \$12,000. Councilmember Jennings seconded the motion.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez

No: Miller

Motion carried.

C. Planning Commission Appointment

There are currently two positions available on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Powell has recently resigned, and Commissioner Fobbs is up for reappointment. Three applications were submitted. The Mayor recommends reappointing Commissioner Fobbs for a term ending August 31, 2026, and newly appointing Krista McClure for a term ending August 31, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to reappoint Commissioner Wil Fobbs to the Planning Commission for a term ending August 31, 2026. Councilmember Jennings seconded the motion.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett

No: None

Motion carried

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to appoint Krista McClure to the Lathrup Village Planning Commission to complete the term of Commissioner Alicia Powell, ending August 31, 2025. Councilmember Jennings seconded the motion.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried.

8. City Administrator Report

Interim Administrator Bratschi stated that the Your Town magazine will not resume production until the new City Administrator has been appointed. She also addressed a resident issue related to the sidewalk program. She further proved that the resident's issue was resolved.

9. City Attorney Report

No Report

10. Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Councilmember Miller reported that the SOCCRA/SOWCA just finished the interviews for the General Manager position.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor announced that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, has been canceled.

11. Unfinished / New Business

None

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

Adam Laurie, Creative Director of the LV Music Festival – Thanked the Council and Community for their participation in the music festival.

Laurie Kunz – Responded to Interim Administrator comments regarding sidewalk repair.

Chuck Scully – Lathrup Village Music Festival was an incredible event.

Lauren Beras - Lathrup Village Music Festival volunteers.

Elaine Mantinan – Campaign materials

13. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Garrett thanked all involved with the Lathrup Village Music Festival: “It was excellent.”

Councilmember Miller invited the Southfield Librarian to a Council meeting to explain all the benefits and programs that the Southfield Library offers. Councilmember Miller also stated, “The music festival was a great event; that is the kind of event that the Parks and Rec Department could be doing.”

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor thanked all who participated in the Lathrup Village Music Festival. Mayor Pro Tem also commented that he has had several conversations with residents about Lathrup Village's financial health. The source of some of the information is incomplete, and the correct and most accurate information is from the audit.

14. Adjourn

Councilmember Jennings moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.