



City Council Study Session

Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett at 7:00 pm
2. **Discussion Items**
 - A. Downtown Development Authority Appointment

Mayor Garrett, and City Administrator Greene, discussed the member needed for the one opening on the DDA board, who has to be a business owner. City Administrator Greene said they received one application from a business owner, named Alex Green. Mayor Pro Tem Kantor said his resume is impressive and that Mr. Green has related Experience.

City Administrator Greene said the Planning Commission, just appointed Dennis Nordmoe, Councilmember Jennings asked if there are any new board openings, and City Administrator Greene responded that there are three on the Historic District Commission, Councilmember Jennings inquired about posting the openings, and City Administrator Greene said they will be reposted.

3. **Public Comments**

No public comment.

4. **Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor discussed the five or six tractor rentals on the disbursement report, and if the City is bundling the work, to do several repairs each time they are rented, to reduce the number of tractor rental expenses, and City Administrator Greene, said yes, they bundle the work on rental days. Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, asked about the status of the twelve and eleven-mile meters, because the oversized meters were not reading minute flows accurately, and City Administrator Greene, said the twelve-mile meter is getting closer, and he will check with SOCRA, about the eleven-mile meter.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor said two concerns were expressed to him, when he went door to door, with residents about the status of a chain link fence related to a pool needing to be installed, and a culvert concern. City Administrator Greene said the homeowner of the chain link fence has been in contact with the City, and Attorney Kimberlin, said they haven't heard anything yet on the culvert concern.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, said while going door to door, he met another resident, who thinks she can help the City because they know of a group that has money, that must be disbursed by April of 2025, and that it may qualify for some projects needed by Lathrup Village, and wanted to put the resident and City Administrator Greene, in touch with one another regarding the possible financial donation.

Mayor Garrett asked about all the water lines and if we are in compliance, and Mayor Pro Tem Kantor and City Administrator Greene, said plans were found and submitted, and we are just waiting to hear back from EGLE.

Mayor Garrett said the Michigan First Credit Union light event is on November 25th from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

Mayor Garrett said she attended a Safety and Gun awareness training, and reiterated some things that were mentioned in that training, including that parents can get in trouble if they come to the school in a threatening way, about a child's issue, that parents should be aware of packages ordered by their children, because some children are ordering weapons on line including nun chucks, and that some parent's asked about the metal detectors in the schools.

Councilmember Jennings wanted City Administrator Greene to meet Southfield School Board, Superintendent, Dr Jennifer Martin-Green.

Mayor Garret said that the Surnow company, met with MEDC, to try to find all of the funding and grants to help with the redevelopment of the Lathrup School property, and she emphasized that it is going to be affordable housing which is completely different than low-income housing, the criteria are different. She also mentioned that even in Farmington Hills off of thirteen-mile road, there is a Laundromat, and the average homes in that area are going for around \$300,000 in that area.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor said that people had a theory that the redevelopment was low-income, but they did not have the facts, that it is affordable housing.

5. **Adjourn** at 7:17 pm