



City Council Study Session

Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Kantor at 6:00 pm

Present: Kantor, Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings

Absent: Hammond

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

2. **Discussion Items**

A. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget & Utility Rates

Councilmembers, CA Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- How much money the PA 33 would bring in
- Police overtime estimate is less than this year
 - Due in part to pay related to SRO training
- Budgeting to have a full-time employee for the open Code Enforcement position
- Possibly making Code Enforcement a part-time position or looking at options
- Deferring the Police Vehicle replacement(s)
- Big concern is that it seems like we are shuffling items around in the budget
- The amount in the General Fund
- Chief Zang commented in part that he can get prices on other types of vehicles instead of the Tahoe's the Police Department prefers, and the reason the replacement is needed
- Wanting to make sure the Police can run efficiently

B. Animal Feeding Ordinance

Councilmembers, CA Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- If we want to have an Animal Feeding Ordinance drafted by Attorney Baker
- Putting together information for people to share with their neighbors to educate residents about the health problems for the Deer if they are fed
- Adopting the ordinance to help the Code Enforcement with issues and concerns related to this issue in the City
- Council is not thinking that an ordinance should be created

C. Temporary Sign Relief

Councilmembers, CA Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- How these signs could help during the 11 Mile construction
- Road closures will impact businesses, and this is to help the businesses
- The timing of when we did this last time and the timing of this proposed relief
- How Businesses will be informed of this temporary sign relief

D. Don't Engage Road Rage 5K Request

Councilmembers, CA Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- Rick Sykes, Sr. of “Don’t Engage N Road Rage” explained the potential 5k, and that the organization has had them for 9 years, from January of 2017, they have partnered with the Detroit Auto Show, received Proclamations from Lansing for the month of August being Road Rage Awareness month
- How their organization gets the word out about Road Rage Awareness
- We have an Ordinance with a permitting process that needs to be followed and requires that the host is responsible for any costs for traffic or clean up from the event. The host would also have to have an insurance policy
- Police Chief processes the application
- Concern that the Southfield Lathrup school site will be under construction, and shifting the starting point to Michigan First instead, and partnering with them

E. LV Artwork

Councilmembers, CA Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- Something to distinguish us, “Placemaking,” but paid for through a GoFundMe
- Placement of the artwork
- The City of Southfield has similar artwork
- Waiting for Greg to present this

F. Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Councilmember Sousanis shared in part that the Communication and Engagement Committee will be creating surveys to see how people get their information about City Events, and mailing them out, as well as having them online, and a possible drop box. The Committee is non-budgeted, but he thinks the surveys should be mailed, and based on direct mail prices and printing, it should not exceed \$1,500 for this fundamental survey.

Mayor Kantor commented in part: that the ISD millage does not appear to be in the City’s best interest, which will be on the August election ballot, and shared why he does not support this six-year millage, and wondered if we should do a Resolution against it as a City.

City Administrator Greene wants items that the City Councilmembers want for the June 1st Town Hall (in place of the Study Session) by Thursday, May 28th, 2026.

3. Public Comments

Rick Wisz commented in part that the possible Art letters out front would be in the Historic District, so they would need to go through the Historic District Commission first.

Jonathan Tara, expressed in part: thanks that City Facebook page is available to non-Facebook members, and to get the word out that everyone can watch the live meetings, spoke on EDDM mailings, urged the City to review their printing costs, commented on scrap metal by the crane, asked if the former Radio tower was sold as scrap or as a tower, and concerns that we haven't been honest about costs.

Jerome Scott emailed a letter and asked Mayor Kantor to read it, which expressed, in part, concerns for his privacy being violated, surveillance, and a flooding problem at his home, as well as a neighbor's house.

Kevin Powell, a 6-year resident, commented in part about issues with his water bill, that in 1 cycle went from 4 units to 27 units, with no changes in use, no leaks, and that he is not sure how it can jump in 1 cycle by 20 units.

Leslie Balian, Rackham, commented in part: that she doesn't think we need a resolution to tell Lathrup Village residents how they should vote, she thinks it is a waste of time and is offensive to some, she supports the Police and what they need to protect the community, because they are one of the things that makes Lathrup Village stand out from Southfield.

Diane Anderson commented in part that she caught flak for supporting the Headlee Override, because some people were against the Mural on the building, and she is against the proposed Art letters. A GoFundMe could be used instead for a Library fund, she reiterated that this was a bedroom community and would contribute to the flagpole.

4. Mayor and Council Comments None

5. Adjourn 7:06 pm