



City Council Special Meeting

Monday, August 07, 2023, 6:00 pm

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

Meeting Minutes

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

2. **Roll Call**

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

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

Motion by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Miller.

Yes: Kenez, Miller, Kantor

No: None

Motion carried.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Jennings arrived.

Councilmember Kenez moved to approve the agenda, motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Councilmember Kenez corrected Agenda Item 7. C should read Red Wood not Red River.

Yes: Miller, Kantor, Kenez

No: None

Motion carried.

5. **Public Comments for Items on the Agenda** (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

None

Mayor Garrett introduced the two new employees.

Martha Bobcean – Water Billing/Accounts Payable Clerk

Rob Harris – Code Enforcement

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

A. City Administrator Search

Council was presented with the Employment Opportunity Search Document created by Michigan Municipal League. The document, if approved, will be posted by the MML (Tuesday, August 8th)

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to accept the Employment Opportunity Guidelines presented by Michigan Municipal League for the City Administrator position. Councilmember Kenez seconded the motion.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Garrett

No: Kenez, Miller

Motion carried.

B. Appoint Street Administrator

Council will need to replace the previous Street Administrator to move forward with actions and reports due September 30, 2023.

Councilmember Jennings moved to adopt the attached resolution to designate Susan Stec as the Street Administrator for the City of Lathrup Village. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried.

7. **Discussion Items**

A. City of Lathrup Village 2023 Water Reliability Study

Scott Ringer of Giffels explained the 2023 Draft Water Reliability study, which is required by EGLE every five years and is also part of the Michigan safe drinking water act

. Mr. Ringler presented the Council with several scenarios for water main replacement to improve water flow and reliability.

Miller expressed significant concern with the project outcome.

B. Goldengate Park

Councilmember Miller informed the Council that the two parcels formally owned by the State of Michigan that are connected to Goldengate Park are for sale. She contacted the owner of those parcels to discuss buying the property. The current list price is \$39,000 each. Attorney Baker recommended that the Council consider a closed session for further discussion. Council directed Interim Administrator to contact the property owner to see if they would donate the property.

C. Red River Ave/Sarackwood Park

Councilmember Kenez is concerned with the standing water on Red River near Sarackwood Park and inquired if there is a solution.

Scott Ringler of Giffels Webster will work with the Department of Public Works to regrade the road to direct the water into the park towards the ditch.

D. Interim Administrator Increase

The Council proposed a \$ 5,000-a-month increase for Assistant Administrator.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to appoint Pamela Bratschi as Interim City Administrator with an accompanying \$2,500 increase per pay period. Councilmember Jennings seconded the motion.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kantor

No: Miller

Motion carried.

E. Councilmember Miller's Disbursement Report Questions

At the July Regular Council Meeting, Councilmember Miller asked for clarification on some monthly disbursements. She requested payments for the contracted maintenance employee payments and the monthly credit card statement.

Interim Administrator Bratschi provided information and answered questions related to the matter.

8. **Public Comment**

Roger Lynn – Annie Lathrup School condition.

Perry McNeal – Water main and soil compaction

Laurie Kunz – Defending Councilmember Miller. And hawk signals

9. **Mayor and Council Comments**

Councilmember Miller thanked Mr. McNeal for his comments related to the soil compaction.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor reminded residents about the fundraiser for the park grant. This is a \$20,000 fundraising effort to match grant funds awarded for Municipal Park. Addressed Mrs. Kunz's comments stated that Council makes all decisions as a body.

Councilmember Kenez expressed concern that the young men working in the Boy Z to Men project were not properly equipped to do some of the jobs that they have been tasked to do.

10. **Adjourn**

Councilmember Jennings moved to adjourn, the motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor. Meeting adjourned 7:54 pm