



City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2023 – 7:30 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett at 7:31 pm

2. **Roll Call**

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

Also Present: City Administrator Susan Montenegro, 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. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett.

No: None.

Motion carried.

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

None.

6. **Presentations**

A. A Proclamation Declaring June 2, 2023, be Proclaimed as National Gun Violence Awareness Day/Wear Orange Day.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Proclamation affirmed.

B. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as No Mow May

Yes: Kenez, Garrett, Jennings, Kantor.

No: Miller.

Proclamation affirmed.

C. A Proclamation Declaring June 19th, 2023, as Juneteenth Awareness Day

Yes: Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez

No: None

Proclamation affirmed.

7. **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

Study Session Meeting Minutes 04/17/23

Regular Meeting Minutes 04/17/23

Study Session Meeting Minutes 05/01/23

Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes 05/08/23

B. April 2023 Police Department Report

C. April 2023 Disbursement Report

D. April 2023 Code Enforcement Report

E. April 2023 Building Department Report

F. May 2023 CED Report

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the consent agenda, removing Item C, April 2023 Disbursement Report, at the request of Councilmember Miller. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller

No: None

Motion carried.

After questions and clarifications, Councilmember Miller moved to approve the April Disbursement Report. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett

No: None

Motion carried.

8. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

- A. Ordinance Amendment - 1st Reading Amending Chapter 18 Article VI - Cannabis Businesses.

Attorney Baker explained that the amendment to the Charter is a result of the November 2022 election results, thereby repealing the cannabis ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Miller to approve the Ordinance Amendment 1st Reading to amend Chapter 18 Article VI. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kenez.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried.

- B. Website Update Recommendation

Administrator Montenegro reviewed the website proposals presented to Council from Apptegy and Revize.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the website proposal from Apptegy. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller.

After much discussion, council asked Administrator Montenegro to provide three website proposals at the next council meeting.

Yes: None

No: Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kantor

Motion denied.

- C. Set Budget Hearing - Fiscal Year 2023/24 and Capital Improvement Plan for 2023-28 for June 26, 2023, at 7:30 PM

Councilmember Jennings moved to direct the City Clerk to publish the notice of Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget hearing for Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:30 PM. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

Yes: Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez

No: None

Motion carried.

9. City Administrator Report

Administrator Montenegro stated that her report was presented in the budget.

10. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Baker gave Council a brief update on a small claims complaint against the city disputing the sidewalk assessment. The judge determined no liability to the city, and the case was dismissed.

11. Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

A. Infrastructure Study Group

Nothing to report.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Councilmember Kenez reminded everyone of the Trivia Night on Friday, May 19, 2023, in the Community Room at City Hall at 7:00 pm.

C. Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

D. SEMCOG Report

Nothing to report

E. Southfield Public School Board Report

Nothing to report

12. Unfinished / New Business

There was continued discussion on the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 draft Budget.

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

Lauren Beras– Questioned council training and council relationship with staff.

14. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Garrett apologized to everyone who received the last Your Town Newsletter stating there were discrepancies in her article. To address the question in public comments, Mayor Garrett stated that for the twelve (12) years on council, she has attended training every year and Mayor training for the last six (6) years she has served as Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor has been to four (4) Michigan Municipal League conferences, four Capitol Conferences, three (3) ZBA trainings, 3 planning commission trainings, several Michigan Municipal League classes, and several online classes.

Councilmember Jennings attended the initial Michigan Municipal League Newly elected Councilmember training and is scheduled to attend an upcoming training.

Councilmember Miller has attended Parliamentary Procedures training and attended training with municipal attorney Jerry Fisher on the subject of the Open Meeting Act and Freedom of Information Act. Councilmember Miller stated that she has attended hours of other training as a public servant, elected official, and as custodian of taxpayer dollars.

15. **Adjourn**

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to adjourn, the motion seconded by Councilmember Kenez. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.