



City Council Study Session

Monday, September 11, 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. **Discussion Items**

A. Website Design

Brian Rohen from Revize Technology Company was in attendance to explain the features of the current website. Council was especially interested in text alerts and fillable forms, which are currently available. Mr. Rohen also provided a list of all the services and costs that Revize offers.

Mayor Garrett requested the complete pricing information to compare Revize and Aptegy for the next Council meeting.

B. Wow Converter

Interim Administrator Bratschi explained that the WOW cable company is now exclusively streaming from the internet. The old copper wire system is obsolete and needs a new converter feed. This upgrade will be for WOW customers only. Due to the cost, the suggestion would be to wait for the audit results.

C. Zoning Amendment -Self-Service Laundromat Facilities

The Planning Commission requests direction from Council on how to proceed with the language of the zoning text amendment. The measure was denied at the last Council meeting.

After further discussion and clarification, Mayor Garrett directed staff to put the item on the October Council agenda.

D. Fall Tree Planting

Community and Economic Director Susan Stec is working on obtaining three quotes needed to purchase trees. Once quotes are received, and the trees are ordered, there will be a better idea of when trees can be planted.

E. Southfield Public School

This item is moved to the next study Session per Mayor Garrett's request.

F. Goldengate Park

Interim Administrator Bratschi spoke to the property owner's representative to inquire if there was any interest in donating the property to the City for a tax credit. There is no interest.

G. Zoom

Zoom costs approximately \$1,600 per year and \$40 per month. There are usually only two or three residents attending the meeting via Zoom. That is a hefty price to pay for the low attendance. The City will no longer stream Zoom for Council meetings.

3. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor requested that the Code Enforcement Officer target low-hanging trees over the sidewalk to improve community walkability, and also to complete the list of encroachments so that the City has an idea of the magnitude of the problem.

4. Public Comment

Roger Lynn – Questions on behalf of the tree committee regarding tree planting.

Sue Lynn - Funds raised from the garden tour are to be donated for fall tree planting.

Laurie Kuntz - Sprinkler system damage from the sidewalk program.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.