



# City Council Regular Meeting

## Draft Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:30 PM  
27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

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

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Mykale Garrett

Council members: Council member Jennings, Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, Council member Kenez, Council member Miller

Present: Interim City Administrators, Pam Bratschi, Susan Stec, Chief Scott McKee, Representing City Attorney, Leann Kimberlin, Government Operations Assistant, Kelda London

Also Present: Scott Ringler, Eric Piesch, Giffels Webster

3. **Pledge of Allegiance of the United States**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the agenda with the removal of Action Item C. American Tower/Tower Point Offers discussion. Motion seconded by Council member Miller.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried.

5. **Zoning Board of Appeals**

City Council meeting suspended and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting called to order to decide on variance request at 18931 Rainbow Ct.

6. **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**

Special Meeting: January 31, 2022

Study Session: February 7, 2022

Study Session: February 24, 2022

Regular Meeting: February 28, 2022

- B. Code Enforcement Reports - February
- C. CED Report - March
- D. Fire Dept. - February Report
- E. 2022 ZBA Training
- F. Police Department Monthly Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the departmental reports. Motion seconded by Council member Miller.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller  
No: None  
Motion carried.

#### 7. Study Session Minutes for February 28, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor mentioned the content error of the minutes dated February 28<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro Tem Kantor motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 31, 2022, February 7, 2022, February 24, 2022 and February 28, 2022 with correction. Motion seconded by Council member Jennings.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Garrett  
No: Miller  
Motion carried.

#### 8. Disbursement Reports – February

Council member Miller moved to approve the February Disbursement Report. Motion seconded by Council member Kenez.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings  
No: None  
Motion carried.

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

Lori Kunz – Code Enforcement

## 10. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

### A. 2022 Cured-In-Place-Pipe Sewer Rehabilitation project

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the 2022 cured in place pipe sewer rehabilitation project with D.V.M. Utilities for the amount of \$664,113.00. Motion seconded by Council member Jennings.

Yes: Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Kantor, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried.

### B. 2022 Storm Sewer Cleaning & Televising Program

Council member Kenez moved to approve the 2022 Storm Sewer Cleaning & Televising Program with awarding the bid to Pipetek Infrastructure Services for the amount of \$116,468.00. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor

Yes: Miller, Garrett, Kantor, Jennings, Kenez

No: None

Motion carried.

### C. Water Bill Adjustment

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem to approve billing the eighty-four (84) billed units at a split rate with half of the units being charged at 2021/2021 water rate and the other half charged 2021/2022 rate also waiving the penalty at 27306 Goldengate. Motion seconded by Council member Jennings.

Yes: Kenez, Garrett, Kantor, Jennings

No: Miller

Motion carried.

### D. Planning Commission appointments

Mayor Garrett recommended Robert Tamarelli to complete the vacant Planning Commission seat with the term ending August 31, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to appoint Robert Tamarelli to serve on Lathrup Village Planning Commission with the term ending August 31, 2024. Motion seconded by Council member Miller.

Yes: Jennings, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Kantor

No: None

Motion carried.

E. Election Commission appointments

Mayor Garrett recommended Council member Jalen Jennings to serve on the Lathrup Village Election Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to elect Council member Jalen Jennings to the Lathrup Village Election Commission. Motion seconded by Mayor Garrett

Yes: Kantor, Jennings, Garrett

No: Kenez, Miller

Motion carried.

**11. City Administrator Report**

Interim Administrator Stec gave a brief overview of sidewalk replacement plan. Residents effected will receive letters explaining the program in detail. There will also be information on the City's website and in the weekly e-newsletter.

City Administrators have been in contact with OHM Advisors, they are water loss experts who works with the American Water Loss Assoc. to continue to investigate the City's water loss issue.

Interim Administrator Bratschi reminded residents that if there is a letter "E" after the water usage on the water bill that means that is an estimated bill and the Water Department is trying to clear all estimated bill and have all actual readings.

There has been a new employee hired, an Administrative Assistant, Jacqueline Dodd who started on Monday March 14, 2022.

Interim Administrator McKee has selected a company to do professional photographs of Council and employees. Interim Administrator Stec with put together a doodle poll to determine the best time for Council to have photographs taken.

**12. City Attorney Report**

None

**13. Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor wants to remind residents that construction season tentatively starts on April 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be construction done on roads, sidewalks, water mains, and a number of other improvement projects. Detailed information can be found on the City's website, in the *Your Town* Magazine and in the weekly newsletters.

With the ongoing waterline surveys the city would like to add a water meter audit to help with the accuracy of the meters.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor and staff have met with OHM. The American Water Association recommended OHM to help research some solutions on the water loss issue. Some of the things they have recommended; 1) Check the size of the source meter. 2) Make sure no other community

has tapped into our water source. They also suggest that Lathrup Village look into applying for a pilot program with GLWA, they use a satellite image to see if there is chlorine in the water and coming from a water metered water source.

Planning Commission is working on electric vehicle charging station ordinance, there will be a public hearing on this issue on April 19, 2022.

The BP gas station has made a request for various site amendments, basically asking for alternative screening methods at the corner.

Council member Jennings will be attending the upcoming SEMCOG meeting and expects to update Council at the next meeting.

Council member Miller thanked Southfield Board of Education for a very productive meeting and being very gracious host. Southfield Public School is a donor district and last year returned \$780,000. Southfield Public School is also offering on site health care services, offering telehealth and dental services.

#### **14. Unfinished / New Business**

None

#### **15. Public Comment**

Mrs. White – Water usage issue

Nancy Griffin Rainbow Dr. - Return Council meetings to Council Chambers

Brian Barhill - Cannabis timeline

Willie McKenzie – Cannabis timeline

John Turnage – Cannabis timeline

Eddie Dagard – Cannabis timeline

#### **16. Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Garrett mentioned the University High School 5K Race on May 14<sup>th</sup> runs/walks through Lathrup Village and there will be some street blocked.

Mayor Garrett also addressed the cannabis questions at tonight's meeting, there will be a discussion on ballot language at the next study session, or Council can open the application process at any time. Council member Kenez offered the third option of Council opt to repeal and replace the current ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor read into the record a statement regarding the ethic ordinance that has been previously discussed.

Council member Miller request copies of the letter sent to Mrs. White regarding her water issue. Council member Miller also questioned the financing of the HAWK signals along Southfield Rd.

**17. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor and seconded by Council member Jennings.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:42 PM**