



City Council Regular Meeting Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2022, at 7:30 PM
27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett at 7:30 pm

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Mykale Garrett

Council members: Councilmember Jennings, Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, Councilmember Miller

Also Present: City Administrator, Susan Montenegro, City Attorney, Scott Baker, City Clerk, Kelda London

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to excuse Councilmember Kenez, motion seconded by Councilmember Miller.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Miller, Garrett

No: None

Motion carried.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Kantor to approve the agenda, motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings

Yes: Kantor, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried

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

6. **Special Proclamation**

A. Proclamation for Mark Piotrowski

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor and Councilmember Miller expressed gratitude for Planning Commission Chair Piotrowski having both served alongside him as Planning Commissioners.

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 July 25, 2022

Regular Meeting July 25, 2022

Study Session August 8, 2022

B. July 2022 Southfield Fire Department Report

C. July 2022 Building Department Report

E. July 2022 Police Department Reports

F. August 2022 - CED Report

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the consent agenda with the removal of Item D. July 2022, Disbursement Report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Yes: Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kantor

No: None

Motion carried.

D. July 2022 Disbursement Report

Councilmember asked several questions about the attorney bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the July 2022 Disbursement Report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Miller

No: None

Motion carried.

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

A. House in the Woods Offer

Jon Ruud presented Council with a \$100,000 cash offer for the House in the Woods property. After discussion, it was decided to reject the offer and wait for a better offer.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor to reject the current offer and wait for a counteroffer.
Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

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

B. MML Liability & Property Pool Renewal

MML Liability & Property Pool is the renewal of the 3-year contract for liability insurance.

Motion by Councilmember Jennings, to approve the renewal of the MML Liability & Property Pool Renewal Proposal at the annual rate of \$91,110, effective September 1, 2022, and authorize the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign the related documents. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Miller

C. Plante Moran Audit Engagement Letter

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor To approve the Audit Engagement letter from Plante Moran for professional auditing services for \$40,000 and authorize the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign the related documents. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

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

9. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Montenegro reported that the sidewalk and road work is in full progress, she also mentioned that the Deputy Treasurer has been hired and is scheduled to start on August 29, 2022. Also, the Code Enforcement position will be posted soon.

10. City Attorney Report

None

11. Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

- A. July 2022 SOCWA Minutes
- B. July 2022 SOCRRRA Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem report encouraged residents to attend the infrastructure meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 6:00 pm at City Hall. Planning Commission has approved the PUD for Panera Bread with several conditions.

12. Unfinished / New Business

None

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

There were numerous comments relating to a private community event held at 27450 Goldengate from the following residents;

Lauren Barers
Lori Kunz
Jason Hammond
John Shaw
Debbie Dunn
Mary Manoukian
Mary Moix
Dawn Medley
Lisa Miller
Karen Copus
Marilu Reznik
Lauren Miller
Betty Ann Wright
Robert Baras
John Roberts
Ian Ferguson
Adam Laurie

Earleen Rory – Cannabis

14. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Garrett opened Mayor and Council comments by apologizing to Councilmember Miller's daughters for having to sit and listen to the attacks on their mother. Further addressing comments and suggestions made in the Public comments portion of the meeting. She mentioned the backpack giveaway on August 26, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor stated that now that the Deputy Treasurer has been hired work on the water loss back billing should begin. There was an explanation of the phone service interruption by Administrator Montenegro at Mayor Pro Tem request. Further stating that the behavior of certain Councilmembers allegedly taping private events is exactly why we need an ethics ordinance.

Councilmember Jennings thanked Administrator Montenegro for hiring a Deputy Treasurer and thanked Treasurer Bratschi for all her hard work.

Councilmember Miller explained why she voted no on the 2022-2023 Budget. She stated that she has been a devoted resident for over 30 years and remains committed to residents that have not had their voices heard. She is very hopeful with the onboarding of City Administrator Montenegro she will continue to ensure accountability and move the city forward.

15. **Adjourn**

Councilmember Jennings moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm