



City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2023 – 7:30 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett @ 8:02

2. **Roll Call**

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

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

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor to approve the agenda as presented. 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)

Don Eichstaedt – Opposed to staff raises

Carol Greene - Opposed to lifetime benefits

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 typical sequence on the regular agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes

Study Session 05.15.23
Regular Council Meeting 05.15.23
Special Council Meeting 06.05.23
Special Council Meeting 06.12.23

B. CED Report - June 2023

C. Lathrup Village Police Department Monthly Reports

D. April 2023 Fire Department Report

E. May 2023 Fire Department Report

F. May 2023 Code Enforcement Report

G. May 2023 Disbursement Report

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to consent agenda minus Item G. May 2023 Disbursement Report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kenez.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried.

Councilmember Miller discussed some items on the disbursement report to share with the community.

Motion by Councilmember Miller to approve May 2023 Disbursement Report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kenez.

Yes: Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kantor

No: None

Motion carried.

9. Public Hearings

A. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget - Budget Hearing

Public Hearings Opened at 8:15 pm

No comments

Public Hearing Closed 8:16 pm

10. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

A. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor to approve the -Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

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

B. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget Amendments

Motion by Mayor ProTem Kantor to approve the 2022/2023 PY Budget Amendments with an addition of \$132,000 from the library line item removed. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

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

C. Police Dept. Report - Lathrup Blvd / 696 Cross-Over

Lieutenant Zang stated that it has come to the Police Department's attention that the intersection of 11 Mile Road and Lathrup Blvd. has become very dangerous with several traffic accidents. The Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) has studied the intersection and suggested that the overpass be blocked off and accessible to emergency vehicles only. Giffels Webster approximates the cost at roughly \$15,572.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to approve the bridge crossover closure at the intersection of 11 Mile Road and Lathrup Blvd. Councilmember Jennings seconded motion.

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

D. Ordinance Amendment - 2nd Reading Amending Chapter 18 Article VI - Cannabis Businesses

One addition has been included to repeal the remainder of the Cannabis Ordinance.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor to approve the 2nd reading of Chapter 18 Article VI- Cannabis Business. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kenez.

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

E. Fire/EMS/Dispatch Contract with the City of Southfield

Administrator Montenegro presented Council with the contract from the City of Southfield for Fire, EMS, and dispatch services. The contract is for a two-year period. each year there will be a 5% increase in year one, \$684,620.21, and the following year \$718,851.22. There will be a 120-day written notice of termination.

Motion by Councilmember Miller to approve the Fire/EMS/Dispatch service contract with the City of Southfield. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

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

F. Tower Lease Amendment Proposal

American Tower Alliance has expressed interest in amending the current agreement.

Motion to approve the suggested amendments to the tower lease agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign amendment documents after review by the City Attorney by Councilmember Jennings. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

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

G. Personnel Manual Amendment

Kantor moved to update Personal Manual section 5.03c to read that employees shall not be allowed to bank compensatory, and Section 5.03b adding shall be done outside regular job duties. These changes shall be in effect as of July 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller.

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

H. Employment Agreement Amendment for Scott McKee

Councilmember Miller motioned to table Item H. Employment Agreement Amendment for Scott McKee. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett

No: None

Motion carried.

I. RAP 2.0 - Revitalization and Placemaking Grant Resolution of Support

DDA Director Susan Stec requested a Resolution of Support for the RAP 2.0 Grant. This grant is being offered through the State of Michigan. The proposed project is to renovate Municipal Park, reconstruct the City Hall parking lot, and landscape the east side of City Hall. The request is \$100,000, and the remaining funds would be secured through crowdfunding with the DDA.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor to approve the resolution of support for the RAP 2.0 grant. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez

No: Miller

J. DDA Board of Directors Appointments

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to appoint Police Chief Scott McKee to the DDA Board to fill the vacancy until a new City Administrator is hired. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Yes: Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez

No: Miller

Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved to appoint Patricia Felton to the DDA Board of Directors term ending February 1, 2027. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

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

No: No

Motion carried.

K. Appointment – SOCRRA Representative and Alternate for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Councilmember Kenez nominated Councilmember Miller as the SOCRRA Representative.

Motion by Councilmember Kenez to appoint Karen Miller as the SOCRRA representative and Susan Stec as the alternate. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Yes: Jennings, Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garret

No: None

Motion carried.

- L. Appointment - SOCWA Representative and Alternate for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Councilmember Jennings moved to appoint Karen Miller as the SOCWA Representative and Susan Stec as an alternate. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kenez.

Yes: Kantor, Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings

No: None

Motion carried.

- M. Website Design Proposals

Councilmember Miller moved to table Action Item M Website Design. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Yes: Kenez, Miller, Garrett, Jennings,

No: Kantor

Motion carried.

11. City Administrator Report

The Treasurer position has been posted. The new Code Enforcement Officer will start on July 17th.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor moved the Council Study Session from July 3rd to July 10th. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Yes: Miller, Garrett, Jennings, Kantor, Kenez

No: None

Motion carried.

12. City Attorney Report

No report

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

A. Parks and Recreation Commission

The event for June 30th is postponed.

B. SEMCOG

No report.

C. Southfield Public School Board

No report.

D. Planning Commission

At the last Planning Commission meeting, there was discussion if a laundry mat is allowed in the mixed-use district.

14. **Unfinished / New Business**

15. **Public Comment** (speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

Lauren Bares – Thanked staff and Council for staying and passing the budget

Laurie Kunz – Examples of staff service.

16. **Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Garrett addressed the question regarding the interim City Administrator search. No interim has been named. The MML has been contacted for the search for the permanent search. Mayor Garrett also mentioned that there was a ceremony honoring Barbara Talley, who was a member of the Southfield City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor stated that the Garden Tour was phenomenal. He thanked Susie Stec for the RAP grant and her hard work.

Councilmember Jennings thanked everyone who participated in the Juneteenth celebration.

Councilmember Miller sent her regards to Barabara Talley.

17. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:48