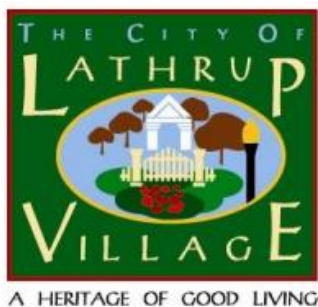




# City Council Study Session

Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

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## 1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Kantor at 6:00 PM

Present: Kantor, Garrett, Sousanis, Jennings, Hammond

Also Present: CA Greene, Clerk Emanuel, Attorney Baker, DDA Director Colson

Absent: n/a

## 2. **Discussion Items**

### A. FY 26-27 Budget & Utility Rates

Councilmembers, City Administrator Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- Allowing room for more Public Comments on the Budget
- Delineation cost increases handed to us and the changes in our billing
- Biggest change in rates is on the Sewer side
- Mandatory payments that we make/fixed costs that we have to pay for water and sewer
- The 4-unit minimum vs here is your “ready serve” just to get services to you
- Subsidizing; we haven’t assessed the full increases in rates
  - Sewer side was raised 13.5%, but we only went up 13%
  - Water rate went up by 20%, but we only raised rate by 18.5%
- Looking at water rates every year, and/or reviewing them every 6 months
- \$10.90 is not keeping up with the Bond – it never covered it; it was short
- Making up the difference via the water “ready to serve”
- Expensive to treat waste
- Reallocation of staffing, how much staff is paid out of the water bill
  - We realize savings in the General Fund
- Chipping – and the possibility of a mid-year review on it, and if there is a Company that would entertain a contract 6 months into the Fiscal year
- Times where there is 1 Officer per shift with no backfilling of the Police position

### B. Newsletter Information

Councilmembers, City Administrator Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- The proposed plan for the procedures for having things posted on the E-Newsletter
  - Making the procedure known to the Public
- Rules primarily for clarification about getting things in the Newsletter
- Events have to align with the objectives and policies of the City

- Having criteria that the postings would need to meet

#### C. Room Rental Guidelines

Councilmembers, City Administrator Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- Partnerships and making it clear how a group could apply for partnership with the City
  - More language to serve as guidance and criteria
  - Interested parties can have a good idea of what is expected of them
- Lathrup Village Homeowners Association is interested in the procedure
- The Nature Group and other groups have been partners
- Agree to have the procedures/criteria defined and publicized
- General pay the flat fee, language about what we would accept, not prohibitions where we stand
  - Politically related events
  - Confusion in the past – meet and greet in the past – make it clear – do we want to keep the rule?
  - Rules and ordinances regarding Park rentals
- Consumption of alcohol, versus our ordinance
- Including relevant ordinance provisions in the packet, security deposits, policies set up, and more
- Adding FAQ-Frequently Asked Questions
- Wanting Council to see the policy and updated contract when it is put together

#### D. Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Councilmembers, City Administrator Greene, and Attorney Baker discussed:

- They haven't heard back from the City of Southfield regarding the Library contract amendment
- Waiting until the end of the month to hear back from Southfield, but if we haven't heard back by then, we have to cancel the contract
- Whether it was on Southfield's City Council agenda tonight
- To Table the Closed session (it was missing some things and changing it to Word format)
- IT Disaster recovery plan, the City needed their own IT Disaster recovery plan if we do come under attack
- ISD millage: if we oppose it, will we put it on the website
- Have we done a Resolution before against a millage?
- The amendment for the Library will be discussed at Southfield's City Council tonight
- A Ballot resolution would be allowed because there is no allocation of funds, we are not hosting an event for it, we are not going out and campaigning for it, and the subject does impact us
- What ballot proposals do we want to weigh in on as an entity
- If a resident asks City Council to do a resolution about a millage the City is trying to pass
- Saying take into consideration, instead of we oppose

### 3. **Public Comments**

Diane Damskey commented in part: She loves the app and getting the messages. She came to the meeting/Town Hall, and that is when she found out the Budget was going to be voted on. She did not think enough information was conveyed and wanted to know where the Budget can be found and reviewed.

Jonathan Tara commented in part: That he would like the sound turned up in the Conference Room (during Council meetings) and asked if everyone could please speak up, to ensure those that are attending the meetings can hear what is being said. Mr. Tara suggested using signals in the audience that Council members could see to adjust how loud they are talking and commented on notices for the Election Commission meeting and Joint meeting with the City of Southfield.

Christina Schindler commented in part: Asking if we have approached other libraries and what their response was and how it compares with the Southfield Library contract.

### 4. **Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Kantor commented in part:

- The Budget can be found in all online Council packets and the website
- Putting a link in the Newsletter to the Budget
- To Christina, we have looked into Berkley

Councilmember Sousanis commented in part:

- There are places to (look one and another), and to streamline
- Can't negotiate with other libraries while still under contract

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett commented in part:

- The Meeting notice for the combined/Joint meeting happened after we were confirmed, which wasn't until the day before that meeting; we were under Southfield's schedule, not ours; Southfield was the entity to post the notice

### 5. **Adjourn** at 7:01 pm