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To: City Council
From: Austin Colson – Community & Economic Development/DDA Director
Date: August 15, 2024
RE: Placemaking and Public Spaces Program Agreement

Oakland County’s Revitalization and Placemaking Program (“RAP 2.0”) is a grant program intended to distribute American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding to address the COVID-19 impacts and incentivize revitalization needs in local communities.

Funding is planned to be utilized locally to renovate the existing playscape located in Municipal Park. The current play structure does not offer ADA accessibility, whereas the new design is built entirely on universal design principles. A fully renovated play structure represents a leap forward for Lathrup Village children, as well as those in nearby communities.

As part of our town center, this public space not only creates a more desirable setting and atmosphere for the surrounding residents but also increases the economic benefits to surrounding property owners. Public spaces in town centers provide a setting for events and organized gatherings, increasing the number of visitors.

During the June 23, 2023, City Council meeting, the City Council approved a previous resolution of support for the RAP 2.0 funding. The County is now requesting an updated resolution be submitted by communities authorizing signers on agreements.

The following resolution authorizes the City’s Community and Economic Development/DDA Director, Austin Colson, to sign the Placemaking and Public Spaces Program Agreement with Oakland County.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Council Member _____ seconded by Council Member _____ to approve Resolution #2024-15 in support of the Oakland County RAP 2.0 Revitalization & Placemaking Grant Application.