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To: Lathrup Village Planning Commission
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RE: Planning Commission Meeting Change

Background

Over the course of the past three Planning Commission meetings, the sentiment from both City Staff and Planning Commissioners regarding meeting times, specifically the Planning Commission meeting days, has been up for debate. Commissioners and Staff agree that the Planning Commission meeting being the day after the City Council meeting puts undue stress upon the internal systems City Staffers are trying to create with the Recast City program, and with business/commercial corridor development in general.

When the Planning Commission meets after a City Council meeting, and City Council only has one regular meeting per month, then any decision the Planning Commission makes that requires City Council approval must wait one month before it can be approved. This delay has been deemed unnecessary by Planning Commission in recent months. Changing the meeting date of Planning Commission to before City Council allows for a one-week turnaround in decisions, which for developmental purposes, creates the most efficient timeline and creates a level of expediency for commercial development and redevelopment.

Recommended Action

Planning Commissioners discuss and determine whether changing the regular meetings of the Planning Commission is a prudent decision. If so, change the meeting dates to the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Alternatively, in December, the Commission will vote on the meeting dates for 2027. The decision today can wait until the end of the year and take effect next year.