



City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2025 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: Garrett, Kantor, Mannarino Thompson, Hammond

Absent: Jennings

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

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, to excuse Councilmember Jennings.

Yes: Garrett, Mannarino-Thompson, Kantor, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve the agenda.

Yes: Garrett, Mannarino Thompson, Kantor, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried.

5. **Presentations**

A. Proclamation - Family Court Awareness Month

Gwen Thomas, who is an advocate for families and spoke on behalf of Protective Parents of Michigan, shared in part that November is Family Court Awareness Month, and that not all Judges are aware of the background in custody cases, not trained on all aspects of Domestic Violence concerns in Family Court including being culturally conscious of the situations, and taking into account the post separation issues.

Proclamation for November 2025 to be Family Court Awareness Month in Lathrup Village was read by Mayor Garrett.

B. Proclamation – Constitution Week of September 17th – 23rd, 2025

Proclamation for September 17th – 23rd, 2025, as Constitution Week in Lathrup Village was read by Mayor Garrett.

6. **Public Comment for Items on the Agenda** (speakers are limited to 3 minutes)
N/A

7. **Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Minutes

- i. 9-15-25 - City Council Study Session
- ii. 9-15-25 - City Council Regular Meeting

- iii. 10-6-25 - City Council Special Meeting
- B. Building & Code Enforcement Reports
- C. Finance Department Reports
- D. Police Department monthly reports
- E. Community & Economic Development Report

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yes: Garrett, Mannarino Thompson, Kantor, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried.

8. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

A. Request to Appoint Lathrup Village Police Chief & Approve Employment Agreement

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to confirm Lt. Michael Zang as Police Chief for the City of Lathrup Village, effective January 1, 2026, and approve the employment agreement, as presented.

Yes: Garrett, Mannarino Thompson, Kantor, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried.

B. Request to Approve Support of the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application for 11-Mile Crosswalk Enhancements

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, to approve the support of the SEMCOG Safe Street Now TAP-Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application for 11 Mile crosswalk, visibility, signage, and curb enhancements.

Yes: Garrett, Mannarino Thompson, Kantor, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried.

C. Request to Approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Solar & Battery Energy Systems

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Solar & Battery Energy Systems.

Yes: Garrett, Mannarino Thompson, Kantor, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried.

D. Request to Approve Agreement with the City of Ferndale Regarding Use of Southwest Storage Area

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, to approve the Agreement between the City of Lathrup Village and the City of Ferndale Regarding use of Southwest Storage Area.

Yes: Garrett, Mannarino Thompson, Kantor, Hammond

No: N/A

Motion carried.

9. **City Administrator Report** None

10. **City Attorney Report** None

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

- a. Downtown Development Authority – There is a proposal for the Triangle lot on the East side, which is a greenhouse with some Orchards around it, so nearby residents won't see the greenhouse and low traffic. There will also be classes on gardening, and the proposal will be discussed at the November meeting. There was an LVMF-Lathrup Village Music Festival post-debrief, and there are already financial commitments for next year.
- b. Planning Commission - meeting tomorrow with a discussion of the Crypto Currency ATM ordinance language.
- c. Parks & Recreation – meeting tomorrow at 5:00 pm. Ghostly Glow Sunday, October 26th, from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Last week, there were 9 teams in the Puzzle event. Congratulations to the Lathrup Village Women's Club for their Estate Sale.
- d. Tree Committee - No Report
- e. Southfield School Board - No Report
- f. Finance Review Committee – Had an event yesterday, at Bigby Coffee for residents to ask questions, Town Hall tomorrow at 7:00 pm, and the final about Town Hall about Headlee is October 30th at 7:00 pm.

12. **Unfinished / New Business** None

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

Lauren Beras, thanked Councilmember Mannarino Thompson for her work on the Council, shared support for Lt. Zang being appointed Chief of Police, mentioned a large turnout at the protest that Kim Hodge organized, and that Kim promoted the Estate Sale to people at the protest, referenced that Mayor Garrett had also promoted the Estate Sale at the last Study Session, and Lauren said she purchased items at the Estate Sale. Lauren also asked the City Council to clarify a letter that is going around about Lathrup Village.

Jonathan Tara, (with several handouts found around his neighborhood in his hand), commented in part: that the community is being littered every week, with the advertisements in plastic bags, it encourages copy cats, and the signs for 248 brick and mortar repair in the right of way have been picked up, and he also suggested that the City look at trees that are blocking people's views in the Community and that he will put some in See, Click, Fix.

Karen Harris promoted the book Remarkable Women of Oakland County by Christine Blackwell, and that Louise Lathrup Kelley, is written about in the book, and Robin Roberts is a contributor.

John Sousanis, Rainbow Drive, spoke in part: on the Solar ordinance, and having a package to share with residents who are looking into it, support for Lt. Zang being Chief, and also suggested that there is more to the process of candidate selection, and going through the process of multiple candidates adds value to the candidate who gets the job and to other candidates who don't get it and gives information to the City by being exposed to different ideas.

Mayor Garrett asked Mr. Sousanis if he remembered what the City went through before hiring Chief McKee, and that it is expensive to go through many candidates, and the best candidate was Chief McKee, and that she thought that by doing the process, it made Chief McKee think that she did not have confidence in him. It is important to build up the morale of people who are already here.

John Sousanis responded, in part, that he went through a situation where, even though he was next in line because there was a succession plan, he went through the process, and it was beneficial, and if everyone knows the process, it won't offend any candidate.

CED/DDA Project Coordinator Kennedy mentioned that there is a document through MI EGLE that he will put up on the website, and then exchange it for one that he is working on.

14. **Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Garrett:

- Mentioned that she signed up for the Southfield Chamber of Commerce Bowling Tournament on Oct. 30 and is looking for a few more bowlers
- That reading the two acknowledgements that she received is not to be self-serving, but to show that she is consistently advocating for Lathrup Village, and over the last eight years Lathrup Village, has received approximately 7.2 million dollars from federal and state grants, and she read a thank you from U. S. Representative Haley Stevens, and an award from New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, for support of their Community Day that helped children in need
- Thanked Councilmember Mannarino Thompson for her work on the Council

City Administrator Greene, responded to Lauren Beras's question regarding a letter that is circulating saying in part: that "the General Fund realized \$146,248 more in revenues and other financing sources than anticipated for the fiscal year, General Fund operations also expended \$11,223 less than the approved expenditures and other financing uses," and mentioned that the timing of bills can hit the previous fiscal year.

Mayor Pro Tem:

- Reiterated that there is a Town Hall tomorrow at City Hall at 7:00 pm
- There is confusion related to the documents that were originally put out regarding the Headlee Override, and they referenced the prior tax year, which is the old chart
- There are updated charts online that will show how much the Headlee will cost you relative to the 2025 tax year
- Offered condolences to the family of Georgia Rasmussen
- Thanked Councilmember Mannarino Thompson for her work on the City Council

Councilmember Mannarino Thompson commented that she was thankful for the opportunity to serve and thanked the residents who are engaged, interested, and involved in the community.

Councilmember Hammond thanked Councilmember Mannarino Thompson for her balanced and unbiased work on Council, and read an email from Diane Anderson regarding a tribute to Pfc. William H. Beske, Jr., to replace a memorial to him that is missing, which was facilitated by Timothy Hillman.

15. **Adjourn**

Moved to adjourn at 8:39 PM by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor.