



# City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

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1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Kantor at 7:09 pm

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

Absent: Hammond

Also Present: City Administrator Greene, City Clerk Emanuel, Attorney Baker

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to excuse Councilmember Hammond's absence.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond

Motion carried

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to approve the agenda with the amendment of continuing Public Comments for both agenda and non-agenda items, and City Council comments as item 6.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond

Motion carried

5. **Presentations**

A. Proclamation - Juneteenth 2026

B. Proclamation - Pride Month 2026

C. Proclamation - National Gun Violence Awareness Day

D. Proclamation - Immigration Enforcement Guidelines & Community Trust

6. **Public Comment for Items on the Agenda and not on the agenda** (speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

Bob Beras commented, in part, that they have reached the fundraising goal and have enough money to get the flagpole.

Jerome Scott read a letter he had emailed Mayor Kantor regarding, in part, his belief that his privacy is being compromised and his concerns for his health, and about flooding that occurred in his and a neighbor's homes.

Susan Yeghissia expressed in part: Thanks to City Council for reading the Gun Violence Proclamation, and that statistics have grown from 95 to 130 people killed every day, due to Gun violence, and mentioned that people should ask if there are guns in a house they are visiting, and ask how they store them.

Timothy Hillman expressed in part: thanks to the Parks and Recreation committee members, and thanked Chuck Snelling for sharing information about the Art around the City Hall area, including one in front of Rita's Ice by Mario Moore, a Cass Tech graduate, and that there will be a free tour on June 12 to view all the art.

Jonathan Tara expressed, in part, his comments regarding the video (feed), and asked if the Wi-Fi password can be on the wall.

Tom Kenez, Glenwood, expressed in part: the Lathrup Village Homeowner's Association, which started in 1940, and put on Community programs and events, is moving forward, and they are working on bringing back: the famous pancake breakfast, summer family BBQ, a Scholarship program, a Holiday event, a Golf outing, and more. For more information, contact him by email at [kenezthomas@gmail.com](mailto:kenezthomas@gmail.com)

Diane Andeson expressed in part that she marched in the streets the day Rev Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. was murdered, and talked about the Constitution, the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, and that White people helped support the abolition of slavery.

Karen Copus, Woodworth Way, expressed in part: that she agrees with Mayor Kantor about the Oakland School millage, but also does not think there should be a resolution regarding it, she agrees that we should defer the price of new Tahoe, she agrees with Diane Anderson and Rick Wisz against the style of proposed Art letters in front of City Hall, and believes that all partnerships with the City and Mr. Watts should ceased.

7. **Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Minutes

i. 4-20-26 - City Council Study Session

ii. 4-20-26 - City Council Regular Meeting

iii. 5-4-26 - City Council Study Session

B. Finance Department Reports

- C. Building & Code Enforcement Reports
- D. Community & Economic Development Report
- E. LVPD Monthly Report
- F. Request to Approve - CLEMIS Authority - Public Agency Agreement

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve the consent agenda.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond

Motion carried

## 8. Public Hearings

### A. Public Act 33 Police & Fire Special Assessment

Moved by Mayor Kantor to open the Public Act 33 Police & Fire Special Assessment Public hearing at 7:46 pm.

Public Comment: None

Moved by Mayor Kantor to close the Public Act 33 Police & Fire Special Assessment public hearing at 7:46 pm.

### B. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

Moved by Mayor Kantor to open the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Public hearing at 7:47 pm.

Public Comment: None

Moved by Mayor Kantor to close the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget public hearing at 7:47 pm.

## 9. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

### A. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-07 - Resolution to Certify the Special Assessment Roll for the PA 33 Special Assessment

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, to approve Resolution #2026-07 – Resolution to Certify the Special Assessment Roll for the PA 33 Assessment.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond

Motion carried

**B. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-08 - Annual Fiscal Resolutions - Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Mayor Kantor, to Approve Resolution #2026-08 - Annual Fiscal Resolutions - Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings

No: Sousanis

Absent: Hammond

Motion failed – Requires Four (4) Affirmative Votes

**C. Request to Approve 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Moved by Councilmember Sousanis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, to approve the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond

Motion carried

**D. Request to Approve Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Fee Book**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Fee Book.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond

Motion carried

**E. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-09 - Temporarily Suspending Section 52.28.E (Feather/Flutter Signs) of the Lathrup Village Sign Ordinance**

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, to Approve Resolution #2026-09 - Temporarily Suspending Section 52.28.E (Feather/Flutter Signs) of the Lathrup Village Sign Ordinance

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond

Motion carried

**F. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-10 - Designating City Flagpoles as Nonpublic Forums & Platforms for Government Speech & Establish a Flag Display Policy (Update)**

Moved by Councilmember Sousanis, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to Approve Resolution #2026-10 - Designating City Flagpoles as Nonpublic Forums & Platforms for Government Speech & Establish a Flag Display Policy (Update)

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond

Motion carried

**G. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-11 - Council Rules of Order & Procedure**

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, to Approve Resolution #2026-11 - Council Rules of Order & Procedure

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond

Motion carried

**H. Request to Establish Lathrup Village Arboretum**

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, to establish a Lathrup Village Arboretum.

Yes: Kantor, Garrett, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond

Motion carried

10. **City Administrator Report** None

11. **City Attorney Report** None

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

- a. Downtown Development Authority – DDA Director Colson will be leaving at the end of June 2026.
- b. Parks & Recreation - Food Truck Friday on May 29<sup>th</sup>, the DIA Inside Out Art tour last Friday, and there will be another one on June 12<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Food Truck Fridays, a resident presented wanting to start a GoFundMe for Sarrackwood Park.
- c. Planning Commission – the Study Session tomorrow will go over the Master Plan Economic topic, and at the Regular Meeting, the Parks and Recreation and Sustainability topics, and the Open House is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>.

d. Tree Committee – No Report

e. Communications & Engagement – looked at draft plan from a formal committee, they are creating Surveys on how people receive and want to receive information, they are looking at getting a budget for the surveys (to be printed and mailed), they looked into analytics between the reach and the engagement and where people are not interacting, they will be asking Council for what they want for ADA recommendation(s), they will launch the first survey in June, and the nature of the Committee also being an outreach Committee to get information to people.

f. Southfield School Board – Graduation is on June 5th from 9 am to 4:30 pm, and ground breaking for the University will be July 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

g. Chamber of Commerce No Report

**13. Unfinished / New Business** None

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

Lauren Beras commented in part: thanks to DDA Director Austin Colson, who came in to the role that was open for a bit, which is hard to do with no one there, and we were planning the LVMF, and he helped with the LVMF, and was a good team member and an asset.

Timothy Hillman commented in part: thanks to DDA Director Colson, and that he has worked with him on the Planning Commission, and he has got us prepared, and complimented DDA Director Colson for helping to plant trees, and being at other City events. Mr. Hillman also suggested requesting that someone from the Southfield Public Library be present at some events to register/give out more Library cards, to increase use and connection before the Library millage.

Bob Beras commented in part about wanting to delay the Police car purchase, to leave wiggle room in the Budget, but deferred maintenance is how the roads got so bad; if they were done earlier, it probably would not have gotten so bad.

Diane Anderson commented in part: about the Fee Schedule and charges to the Women's Club, which contributed to the making of the Community Room and kitchen, and their ability to use the room, and concern about what others have and have not paid for the room, and that celebrating the Declaration of Independence should be telling the truth.

Karen Copus expressed in part: Asking if the City had to approve the making of, or has any affiliation with the Lathrup Village Chamber of Commerce.

**15. Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Kantor commented in part:

- Someone from Southfield Public Library is coming to the Lathrup Village Music Festival
- Roads will receive some improvements with crack sealing
- There are use policies for the Community Room
- There is no affiliation with the Lathrup Village Chamber of Commerce
- Proposed Art letters would be in the Right of Way, not the Historic District

- June 1<sup>st</sup> Town Hall instead of the Study Session to discuss PA 33, Oakland School District, and the Library millage
- There is a Lathrup Village Women's Club luncheon on May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Dogs are required to be on a leash. We have had some incidents of dogs charging
- The owners of a building in Southfield, where there is an ICE-related office, were asked to foster a Town Hall, and they declined the offer
- Surnow is working on the school project funding
- There is a grant from Oakland County for the LV Music festival
- Congratulations to City Administrator Greene for being on the list of 40 under 40 Officials, and congratulations on the birth of his and his wife's child.

Councilmember Sousanis commented in part:

- He is concerned that the entire budget is deferred maintenance
- To Diane Anderson, he believes in recognizing Juneteenth; it is not about the Constitution, but he will take it under advisement to have another Proclamation to celebrate the passing of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment
- He does want more clarity on all our room rentals (including the Community Room) and knows the procedures and rules
- Looking at rules as to how things get in our Newsletter
- Addressing the issue with the Chamber of Commerce, it is made up of members, and we have a liaison with that group. We know that Mark was the head of that group, and he doesn't think we should pretend that we are not aware of that; he thinks we should admit that we have a liaison. Those groups are those groups; they are not their leader, they are the members. It bears recognition, acknowledgement, and some caution to make sure that we are associated with who we want to be.

## 16. **Adjourn**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to adjourn at 8:33 pm.