



# City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

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1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett at 7:07 pm

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond

Absent: Kantor, Jennings

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

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded Councilmember Sousanis to excuse Councilmember Jennings and Mayor Kantor's absence.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Absent: Kantor, Jennings

Motion carried

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded Councilmember Sousanis to approve the agenda with the removal of item 6.F. - Request to Approve Public Act 33 Police & Fire Tentative Special Assessment Roll & Schedule Public Hearing from the Consent Agenda and moving it to 7.H. in the Action items.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Absent: Kantor, Jennings

Motion carried

5. **Public Comment for Items on the Agenda** (speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

Ellen Greenia, Santa Ann, commented in part on her support of having Library access (with Southfield), and that she is glad that the Council is taking it seriously.

Diane Anderson commented that her belief is that the Southfield Public Library stands out and is more than a place to borrow a book; it is a Community Center with Book Clubs and engaging programs.

Tim Hillman, San Quentin, commented in part in support of having a Town Hall with the Library millage as a topic, and that it will help to have open dialogue and discussion to understand what it will mean if people vote no (whether they don't value the Library or if they want Council to find other ways to cut the budget).

## 6. **Consent Agenda**

### A. Approval of Minutes

i. 3-16-26 - City Council Study Session

ii. 3-16-26 - City Council Regular Meeting

iii. 4-6-26 - City Council Study Session

B. Finance Department Monthly Report

C. Building & Code Enforcement Reports

D. Community & Economic Development Monthly Report

E. Police Department Monthly Reports

F. Request to Approve Public Act 33 Police & Fire Tentative Special Assessment Roll & Schedule Public Hearing

G. Request to Schedule Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded Councilmember Sousanis to approve the Consent agenda.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Absent: Kantor, Jennings

Motion carried

## 7. **Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval**

### A. **Request to Approve the Cancellation of the Southfield Library Contract**

Moved by Councilmember Sousanis, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to table cancellation of the Southfield Library Contract.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond  
No: n/a  
Absent: Kantor, Jennings  
Motion carried

**B. Request to Approve the Lathrup Village Downtown Development Cost Share Agreement 2026-2031**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded Councilmember Sousanis to approve the Lathrup Village Downtown Development Cost Share Agreement 2026-2031.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond  
No: n/a  
Absent: Kantor, Jennings  
Motion carried

**C. Request to Approve Annual PILOT Capture Sharing Agreement - 27700 Southfield Road**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded Councilmember Sousanis to approve the Annual PILOT Capture Sharing Agreement for 27700 Southfield Road between the City of Lathrup Village and Lathrup Village Downtown Development Authority (LVDDA), contingent upon LVDDA Board approval.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond  
No: n/a  
Absent: Kantor, Jennings  
Motion carried

**D. Request to Approve Master Services Agreement for the Operation of the Department of Public Services - Lathrup Services LLC**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded Councilmember Sousanis to approve the Master Services Agreement for the Operation of the Department of Public Services – Lathrup Services LLC.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond  
No: n/a  
Absent: Kantor, Jennings  
Motion carried

**E. Request to Approve Community Room Roof Electrical**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded Councilmember Sousanis to approve J. Simon & Sons Community Room Roof Electrical Scope of work for an estimated cost of \$7,164.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Absent: Kantor, Jennings

Motion carried

**F. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-06 - Council Rules of Order & Procedure Update**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded Councilmember Sousanis to approve Resolution #2026-06 Council Rules of Order & Procedure Update.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Absent: Kantor, Jennings

Motion carried

**G. Request to Set the 2026 City-Wide Garage Sale & Waive Associated Fees**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to set the 2026 City-Wide Garage sale for June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and waive associated fees on those dates.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Absent: Kantor, Jennings

Motion carried

**H. Request to Approve Public Act 33 Police & Fire Tentative Special Assessment Roll & Schedule Public Hearing for May 18, 2026, at 7:00 pm.**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded Councilmember Sousanis to approve Public Act 33 & Fire Tentative Special Assessment Roll & Schedule a Public Hearing.

Yes: Garrett, Sousanis, Hammond

No: n/a

Absent: Kantor, Jennings

Motion carried

8. **City Administrator Report** Code Enforcement Officer Steve Colliau has given notice that he will be leaving on Friday (4/24), for an opportunity that he couldn't pass up, and the City has posted an RFP for a: new building department, permit tech, and code enforcement officer, and we will take the proposals and do a cost comparison, of in house (part time or a full time) or outsourcing the positions.

9. **City Attorney Report** None

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

- a. Downtown Development Authority - May 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a Clean Up as part of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America, with an organization set up by Congress it is called "Good Neighbor Day" and will occur throughout the Country, the DDA in coordination with LOGOS Church, and Boys 2 Men, will be utilizing a grant that Charlotte Jones of the DDA and LOGOS Church applied for, Cleaning up the Right of Way areas, from 11 Mile to 12 Mile on Southfield Road. There is a Fraud Awareness Workshop on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2026, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, with Chase Bank, the LV Police Department, and the DDA.
- b. Parks & Recreation – We are taking reservations for the Community Garden for \$45; you can email Keely of Parks and Recreation at [lathrupveggiegarden@gmail.com](mailto:lathrupveggiegarden@gmail.com). Arbor Day the Tree Committee and Parks and Recreation have partnered on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm there will be: tree planting, native plant sales, crafts, and make your own S'Mores, Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm there will be a Hydrangea workshop upstairs in the Meeting Room at City Hall the cost is \$5.00 a person, and Food Truck Friday starts May 1<sup>st</sup>, with the Nacho Grill as the first one. Check out the City's Newsletter for more information.
- c. Planning Commission – There is a Study Session at 6:00 pm and Meeting at 7:00 pm tomorrow, they will be reviewing the Transportation component of the Master Plan and a representative of the Road Commission will be in attendance, at the Study Session and then at the Regular meeting there will be an opportunity for Council to provide feedback, and there will be a review and discussion related to Economic Development. Everyone can complete the Master Plan surveys on the City's website.
- d. Tree Committee – Arbor Day Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 12:00 pm -2:00 pm
- e. Communications & Engagement – The last meeting was on April 14<sup>th</sup>, focused on 1) Survey development about channels and how people are getting their information about the City formal and informal, hoping to have the Survey approved and out in May 2) looked at Communication analytics to access how people are using them, found that the live streams of City Council are well attended on Facebook, and want to make the live streams more accessible, 3) the Committee made a recommendation on how to pursue ADA accessibility on Communication for City Council to review at their next Study Session with the plans having a deadline for April of 2028, with a goal of ADA compliance and hope to pursue it in a fast and efficient way. There is a draft Communication plan that Councilmember Hammond worked on with CA Greene, which has not been ratified. The goal is to have a ratified Communication plan. There is a goal for Committee members to have

information that they can bring to City events and have face-to-face interaction with residents.

f. Southfield School Board – No report

g. Chamber of Commerce - Is hosting an icebreaker event at 28050 Southfield Road, tomorrow, April 21, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

#### 11. **Unfinished / New Business** None

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

Jonathan Tara commented in part about people who are not Facebook members not being able to stream the meetings, and wanting to hear a response from Council. He will participate in the Clean Up, but has concerns about businesses not keeping up the areas in front of and around their businesses.

Bob Beras commented in part about a resident-led effort to get another flag pole so the Pride and Juneteenth flags can fly, and that they are starting a GoFundMe that will be up soon.

Lauren Beras commented in part that she is working with the Lathrup Village Chamber of Commerce, doing a “Live in LV Podcast,” and it is another way of communicating with the community. If someone is interested, they can reach her at [LVMF@gmail.com](mailto:LVMF@gmail.com)

Shugmi Shumunov, commented in part that he has been a resident since the end of 2023, and agrees that the Facebook live stream should be available non-Facebook members, and about the comments that the millage for the roads would go down, when roads need repair, and that the neighbors across the street in Southfield, got new sewer lines in front of their houses, and his house has flooded four times in April and March and he has had plumbers come out and work done.

Timothy Hillman, commented in part that YouTube has a live feature to post live streams of meetings, thanks to Bob Beras for his advocacy for an auxiliary flag pole, and about PA 33 dollars and the City itself may be able to retain some additional tax dollars in advance of the Public Hearing on the topic, it might be good to do some math on it and see if there is something in it for the City to pursue.

Diane Anderson commented in part about 27700 Southfield Road, and what was the approved use of that building, the School Project, referencing apartment units at Northland and in neighboring communities, and thanked City Clerk Emanuel for mentioning who made comments in the meeting minutes and the importance of there being a record of Public comments.

#### 13. **Mayor and Council Comments**

Councilmember Hammond commented:

- Thinks that we should act on the Facebook page concern, and he is willing to help with that
- Thinks that it is very important to have rules in place so that the flag pole cannot be used in a way that can threaten the community
- In September of 2024, there was a lawsuit that was served on the City related to the certification of ballot proposals related to Cannabis establishments, retail Cannabis establishments, that lawsuit was dismissed by a judge at the end of September 2024, shortly after that request was made, a request was made to the Lathrup Village Police Department, to investigate possible fraudulent signatures on those ballot petitions designed to put the retail Cannabis establishment proposals on the ballot, the Lathrup Village Police Department referred the investigation to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and an investigator from the Sheriff's office did their due diligence and investigated the issues, today we received word through Chief Zang that the Investigation Officer from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office has confirmed that that case is officially closed

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett commented:

- Referenced that the City Council adopted a Resolution with a formal Flag Policy and discussed the policy with Attorney Baker
- Suggested removing roll call, because it was in before to have documentation on who was voting for what item and go back to the yea or nay system and Attorney Baker shared that there are specific actions that require a roll call vote but for a majority of them they do not, and CA Greene shared that depending on how minutes are taken, the yes and no can be listed, like when spending money or statutory items like going into closed session.

Councilmember Sousanis commented:

- That he both looks forward to the auxiliary flagpole and has concerns about how we can balance free speech, diversity, and negative messages, and suggests we look at and consider the rules
- Regarding the road millage, we are not reducing the money made available for road fixing, but lessening the payments on a bond for a project that is already done, that we had gotten ahead on in our payments, and continue to make payments in the lesser amount

#### 14. **Adjourn**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded Councilmember Sousanis to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.