



City Council Study Session

Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett

2. **Discussion Items**

A. DRAFT FY 24-25 Budget Review

City Administrator Greene presented the first draft of the balanced FY 24-25 budget for initial feedback. City Council and staff discussed the budget reviewing each category throughout the document. CA Greene noted that the categories and line item titles will most likely be changing over the next year as the City implements the state-mandated chart of accounts update. The City Council discussed the opportunity to utilize fund balance in the enterprise funds to continue the momentum of infrastructure projects instead of drastically raising fees. CA Greene noted that is an option if the City Council wishes to do more than what is proposed.

CA Greene will bring back another draft budget for discussion at the next study session meeting.

B. Finance Review Committee

Mayor Garrett discussed the Finance Review Committee presentation she received at the Oakland County Mayor's Association meeting and discussed if the City should implement something similar to what the City of Ferndale completed.

City Council discussed this opportunity to seek volunteers to sit on this committee who have financial backgrounds and partner with staff to review potential revenue sources for a finite period.

Consensus to move forward with developing an application for this temporary committee with the intent to appoint committee members during the May City Council meeting.

C. Opening of Closed Streets

Mayor Garrett provided background information on this topic for those council members and staff who were not part of the previous discussions. Based on feedback from the Southfield Fire Department, the City should explore accessibility for public safety purposes on certain closed streets throughout the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor mentioned the City was previously exploring the option of siren-activated gates.

The City Council would like staff to explore the cost of this type of gate and bring it back to the Council for discussion.

D. City Administrator – Performance Measures

May 6th – Study Session

E. City Council Goal Setting

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F. Social Media

Mayor Garrett mentioned that the City's contract with Archive Social only applies to city-operated pages. Attorney Baker provided his recommendation for social media usage for City Council members, by not engaging in City-related discussions on social media sites or if needed, the creation of a dedicated Councilmember page to host those conversations.

G. Short-Term Rental Legislation

Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor discussed legislation that is currently being discussed at the state level. Mayor Garrett wanted to keep this topic on the City Council's radar.

Attorney Baker mentioned that short-term rentals would fall under the City's general rental ordinances.

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

- Ann – Listing of overdue water bills that were posted. What is the procedure to get property owners to pay the outstanding balances?
 - Mayor Garrett – any unpaid bills get rolled onto taxes which get collected by Oakland County and sent to the City.
 - Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor – Mentioned that some property owners due to this for perceived tax purposes. Additionally, this Council has not discussed plans to do a full water meter replacement program.
- Amyle More – Ditch questions, and flags next to their home.

4. **Mayor and Council Comments**

5. **Adjourn** at 7:17 PM.