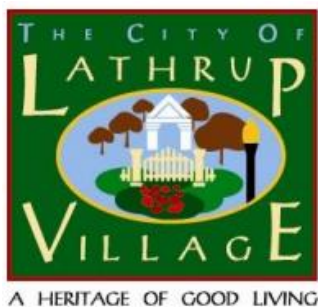




City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Kantor at 7:07 PM

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Kantor, Sousanis, Jennings

Absent: Hammond, Garrett

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

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

Yes: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond, Garrett

Motion Carried

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis to approve the Agenda, moving Item F to Item G.

Yes: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Hammond, Garrett

Motion Carried

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

Shelby Stuyvenberg commented in part about the Father's Day Proclamation and its meaning.

Jonathan Tara commented in part about the volume of the sound from the speakers in Council Chambers and people talking.

Lillian Kyser Lowery, commented in part about chipping and branches still left around the City.

Diane Anderson, commented in part about the group that requested the Father's Day Proclamation, and the Council looking into groups before embracing them.

Amelia Robinson commented in part about leading a fundraiser for Sarrackwood Park, and the City having a plan for Parks.

Rick Wisz commented in part about the crack sealing program, and that the City should look at other streets that need sealing, including Lathrup Boulevard.

Adam Rebandt commented in part about the group he is a part of called Citizens Defending Freedom, and the message of the Fatherhood Proclamation.

Timothy Hillman commented in part about the group Citizens Defending Freedom being an outside organization, which, with the Proclamation, asked to borrow the voice of our City.

Christen Lee commented in part about Citizens Defending Freedom and the topic of the City Council rescinding the Fatherhood Proclamation.

Leslie Valiant commented in part about her support for the message of the Fatherhood Proclamation.

Autumn Sousanis commented in part about keeping the playscape at Sarrackwood Park and painting it and the positive aspects of having and keeping a dirt road.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

i. 7-20-26 - City Council Study Session

ii. 7-20-26 - City Council Regular Meeting

iii. 8-3-26 - City Council Special Meeting

B. Building & Code Enforcement Report

C. Community & Economic Development Report

D. Finance Department Reports

E. Lathrup Village Police Department Report

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yes: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Garrett, Hammond

Motion Carried

7. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

A. TABLED ITEM - Request to Approve the Removal of the Sarrackwood Park Playscape

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to remove Action Item A from the Table.

Yes: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Garrett, Hammond

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to not remove the Playscape at Sarrackwood Park.

Yes: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Garrett, Hammond

Motion Carried

B. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-15 - Rescinding the Proclamation Declaring June 2026 as Responsible Fatherhood Month

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to approve Resolution #2026-15 - rescinding the Proclamation Declaring June 2026 as Responsible Fatherhood Month.

Yes: n/a

No: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

Absent: Garrett, Hammond

Motion Failed

C. Request to Approve Resolution #2026-16 - Council Rules of Order & Procedure (Update)

Moved by Councilmember Sousanis, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve the amendments to the Council Rules of Order & Procedure to include a Proclamation policy.

Yes: n/a

No: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

Absent: Garrett, Hammond

Motion Failed

D. First Reading - EBikes Ordinance #2026-02 - An Ordinance to Add Article VII to Chapter 74. Traffic and Vehicles, Sections 74-110 through 74-119, and by Amending Chapter 46. Miscellaneous Offenses, Provisions, Forfeitures and Penalties, Article XII. Parks and Recreation Protection, Section 46-179

Moved by Councilmember Sousanis, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to approve the first reading.

Yes: n/a

No: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

Absent: Garrett, Hammond

Motion Failed

E. Request to Approve Weather-Related Chipping Emergency Policy

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to approve the Weather Related Chipping Emergency Policy.

Yes: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

No: n/a

Absent: Garrett, Hammond

Motion Carried

F. Request to Approve Deposit for Municipal Park Playscape Project

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis, to table the deposit for the Municipal Park Playscape Project.

Yes: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

Absent: Garrett, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

G. Request to Approve Fiscal Year 2027 Street Crack Sealing Program

Moved by Councilmember Sousanis, seconded by Councilmember Jennings, to table the Fiscal Year 2027 Street Crack Sealing Program.

Yes: Kantor, Jennings, Sousanis

Absent: Garrett, Hammond

No: n/a

Motion carried

8. **City Administrator Report** – commented in part: that the City Water and Sewer rates were reviewed and the City consulted with Michigan Rural Water Association to review the

utility revenue and expenses and determine the rates necessary to adequately fund our system, and if the rates were not changed we would have been hundreds of thousands of dollars in arrears by June of 2027 and explained the change from four units to the “ready to serve” billing structure.

9. City Attorney Report - None

10. Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Parks & Rec: Mayor Kantor shared comments from CED/DDA Project Coordinator Kennedy about the City’s first Blood Drive last week with 18 donors, and the organization that partnered with him is looking to do it again; there was a CPR course last week where 12 people received their certification, and every Wednesday at 5:30 pm Henry Ford has Health Lectures.

The Parks & Recreation “Matter of Balance” course to avoid falls completed week 2 of an 8-week class. (Thursdays at 10:00 am). There are 2 more Food Truck Fridays in the season; in October there will be another Inside Out tour of the DIA artwork around the City, and at the last meeting there was talk with Playtime about the installation of the Playscape at the Municipal Park.

Planning Commission – meeting tomorrow with a Public Hearing for a Special Land Use request for the Exxon gas station requesting a liquor license.

Southfield Public Schools – No report

Communication and Engagement Committee – Did not meet

Tree Committee – No report

DDA – No Report

11. Unfinished / New Business None

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

Lillian Kyser Lowery commented in part about wanting the Mayor to have a voice on what is considered a “storm or weather-related issue” for Emergency Chipping services.

Lauren Beras commented in part about the upcoming LVMF-Lathrup Village Music Festival on Saturday, September 12, 2026 with a Sunday, September 13, 2026 rain date, thanked the LVCF-Lathrup Village Community Foundation for the Wednesday night concerts, on children using EBikes with no helmets on, and congratulated Kelly Garrett for winning the Democratic nomination for the 18th District.

Timothy Hillman commented in part: thanks to the City Clerk and Election Inspectors for their work on the August 4th Election, appreciation for the dialogue at the end of the City Council Study Session and suggested annual Proclamations including one for Mother’s Day.

Shelby Stuyvenberg commented in part: thanks for the work on the EBike ordinance that could ban EBikes, and that she did not think the Father's Day Proclamation was political until it was brought up by Mayor Pro Tem at the meeting.

Jonathan Tara commented in part: thanks to the City Clerk for work on the election and that he was glad to see someone registering to vote and then going to vote and asked if audience members could hear the meeting well.

Southfield Fire Department, Fire Chief Joey Thorington, commented in part: updates: including greater staffing, training that they will receive, and that by this time next year they will have 122 Fire Fighter/Paramedics, there will be 4 new Cadets and mentioned they are providing a pipeline from Lathrup and Southfield Schools to the Department, 3 new ambulances, 4 new Fire Engines, implementing a Drone program, and they are looking forward to participating in the Lathrup Village Music Festival.

Diane Anderson commented in part about prior associations in Lathrup Village, mentioning the Lion's Club and the Women's Club, along with that she purchased items at Jerry Stone's estate sale and bought historical items, and commented on the Historical Society.

Christen Lee commented in part: thanks to Council for keeping the Father's Day Proclamation and asked the Public record reflect an accurate portrayal of Citizens Defending Freedom as primarily a 501c3 educational organization.

Adam Rebandt commented in part: thanks to the Council, thanks for everyone from different backgrounds to be able to share tonight, liked the idea of a Motherhood Proclamation idea, and that there are things we can all agree.

13. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Kantor commented in part:

- Tabled versus voted items: according to the Charter, items that require spending money have to be voted on – Playscape funds and Crack sealing needed 4 votes
- Putting the Mayor or Council on the decision of whether or not there is an Emergency - our Charter separates the Council from day-to-day activities; the City Administrator and staff do the day-to-day call
- Two grants: \$40,000 grant for highway safety, and a \$75,000 grant to be announced
- Thanks to City Clerk Emanuel for her work

Councilmember Sousanis commented in part:

- Liked the way we discussed things tonight, that more people added to the discussion, and he appreciates everyone's input
- When looking at the Municipal Park with its Playscape, he will probably vote for it
- Issue with buying things that we can't maintain; playscape requires a considerable amount of money regularly, anticipating a cost/providing for the cost

Councilmember Jenning commented in parts:

- Thanked City Clerk Emanuel for work on the Election and the information he received at the Public Accuracy testing of the voting equipment
- He liked that everyone could dialogue respectfully with one another
- Thanked Fire Chief Thorington for the report

City Clerk Emanuel commented in part:

- Thanks to Jim Nelson (LVTv Cable) for repairing the Board and Microphone wires and saving the City lots of money
- Thanks to Ellen Greenia for buying 2 Round tables for the Meeting Place rental use
- Thanks to Lauren and Bob for their interest in donating items for the rental use
- Thanks to new people in the audience and their participation

14. Adjourn

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Sousanis to adjourn at 8:35 pm.