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TO: Mayor & City Council  
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator  
DATE: May 19, 2025  
RE: Study Session

### **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget**

City Council and staff have been working together to finalize the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget for the past month. Which budget is approved will be dependent on whether the City Council enacts Public Act 33, and if so, how much.

Included in the regular meeting packet is your Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget document. While the memo numbers include utilizing the Finance Review Committee's recommendation of a 3.1051 mill PA 33 levy, the spreadsheets include options to consider if the Council decides to go in a different direction. The memo can be updated after adoption to reflect any changes the Council makes.

There is a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget scheduled for the regular meeting. After the hearing, the Council will have the option to approve a budget or table a decision. Based on Charter Section 8.5 – Council shall adopt a budget resolution no later than the third Monday in June (June 16, 2025 – next regular scheduled Council meeting).

### **Public Act 33 – Special Assessment Roll**

In conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, there is the option to enact Public Act 33. At the last meeting, it was requested to update the special assessment roll document to include addresses. That document has been updated and is included in your regular meeting packet.

### **Headlee Override Ballot Language**

Over the past calendar year, the Finance Review Committee created a report, presented it to the City Council, and recommended that the City place a Headlee Override Millage Proposal on the November 2025 ballot and include a 10-year lock on the millage if approved.

The Committee felt this option would increase revenue back to chartered levels and sustain that revenue for ten years. Approval of this Headlee Override would provide the City some breathing room in its budget to address increasing costs while simultaneously providing some additional funds to begin addressing deferred maintenance and capital expenditures. Because the City passed a similar Headlee Override in 2010 by a greater than 2 to 1 margin, the Committee is hopeful that residents would be willing to support such a measure again. The Committee fully understands that a tax increase could be a contentious issue for some city residents. However, to maintain the quality of life that Lathrup Village residents expect, increased revenue from a Headlee Override is necessary. The punitive tax laws and other factors discussed in the Finance Review Committee report leave no choice for built-out cities like Lathrup Village other than to eventually cut services.

Staff is seeking approval during the May 19 regular meeting to ensure we meet all necessary publishing election guidelines.

The proposed ballot language is included in your regular meeting packet.

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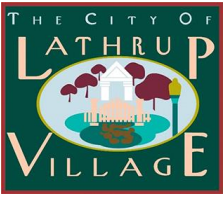
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**DRAFT – PILOT Ordinance**

A Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) ordinance establishes the framework for the City to enter into an agreement with a developer, where the developer pays a specified amount instead of traditional property taxes, primarily used to incentivize affordable housing projects.

The purpose of this discussion is to review an updated draft PILOT ordinance based on the previous Study Session discussion. When ready, this ordinance will follow the City’s normal procedures and go through a first and second reading during regular City Council meetings.

**City Council Member Appointment**

Due to Councilmember Barksdale's resignation from the City Council, the City will appoint a new member to the City Council within 60 days by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Council. The appointee will hold office until the Monday following the November 2025 election (City Charter - Section 5.7).

The City solicited applications until May 13, 2025, and those applications are included in your regular meeting packet.

Whoever is appointed will begin working with staff to be brought up to speed on City activities and will be officially sworn in at the June 16, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.

All the applicants have been invited to the May 19 regular meeting to utilize the first public comment section to introduce themselves and share any relevant information before the Council makes its decision.