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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: October 20, 2025
RE: Study Session

Deer in the Community

Residents have reached out to a couple of Councilmembers regarding the perceived influx of deer throughout the community and if there is anything the City is planning to do. While Lathrup Village has no formal plans to address the current status of the deer population, after a multi-year process, our neighbors in Southfield, Farmington, and Farmington Hills have approved conducting a deer cull over the next couple of years. For those unaware, a cull is a controlled operation performed at night by trained sharpshooters using rifles with silencers and thermal imaging to identify deer. The sharpshooters are elevated in tree stands, and when a deer is identified, they shoot it from above, within City limits. These efforts are not cheap. For example, a cull is estimated to cost Farmington Hills \$20,000 per year.

Included in this packet are examples from Southfield's Wildlife Advisory Commission for deer-resistant plants and ways to deer-proof a yard.

Sign Ordinance Relief

Early this year, during construction, the City Council granted temporary relief to the City's sign ordinance for members of the business community. That relief has since expired, and members of the business community have been reaching out to members of Council and City staff to see if there is more the City is willing to do, which may include additional changes to the sign ordinance.

The purpose of this discussion is to determine if there is an interest among the Council to make additional changes to the City's sign ordinance, specifically within the business district.

Board & Attendance Policy

This item has been mentioned at previous meetings to determine if the City should establish a blanket policy for all boards regarding necessary meeting attendance.

This discussion will serve as the first step in a process if changes among the City's boards need to be made.

Parks & Recreation Mission Statement

At the September 15 Study Session, the Parks & Recreation Committee requested that the Council establish a clear mission/vision for the P&R Committee. This discussion is to start that process to provide the P&R Committee guidance while we begin the P&R Plan update, along with the Master Plan.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

If time permits, this section is to answer any initial questions the Council may have for items on the regular meeting agenda.

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