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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: February 24, 2025
RE: Public Budget Input Session Feedback

On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, I held a Public Input Budget Session to solicit feedback from residents on what they would like to see the City focus on this upcoming fiscal year. While attendance was sparse, compared to last year, plenty of input was received. The idea was to stick with high-level ideas and not discuss specific dollar numbers as we are not at that stage of the budget process yet. I presented the attendees with topics (in **bold**) to share their ideas and have listed those ideas below.

This information is purely informative. While we may be able to implement some of the ideas over this next year, it is uncertain until we get closer to a final budget and see what type of discretionary funding is still available.

Technology & Communications

- Newspaper updates for those who do not use technology
- Use the City website to show upcoming meetings (calendar) first thing, the first page
- City Hall monument e-sign to promote events
- Recording and viewing of all meetings (ex: study sessions/special meetings)
- Use of mobile app to its full capability
- Add a Q&A session to the weekly city newsletter and to the city website to answer residents' written questions about city operations

Government Services

- Improve resident communication
- Recording and viewing capabilities of all meetings
- Meeting notices – improve publication on-line
- Evaluation of current legal representation
- Improved efficiency in the delivery of existing city services
- Name tags for employees

Other – Topics Not Covered by Prompts

- Establish a tree trimming plan to take care of easements

Parks & Recreation

- Bring back senior dances
- Bingo/regular trivia/more classes
- Encourage at least one farm for a weekly market
- Redevelopment of playscape at City Hall
- Better maintenance of parks (weed control) and removal/replacement of unsafe (non-working) components
- Family events (fall fest/spring/winter)

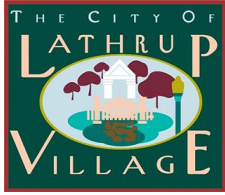
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- Is there a way to utilize residents for park maintenance?

Infrastructure

- Culvert replacement program
- Assurance of adequate water pressure for fire needs
- Ditch maintenance to improve drain flow
- Water pounding due to blocked street drains & clear debris from grates
- Culvert Amnesty – Fix them as it impacts everyone then start enforcing with clear communication about responsibilities
- Whatever to reduce flooding of yards
- Roads
- City-wide sidewalks
- Update water mains
- Bigger two-stage snowblower

Buildings & Grounds

- Community Room Remodel
- Playground upgrades near municipal park
- Remove invasive plants from vacant property
- Bathroom remodel at City Hall
- Improvements to Police Department
 - Man Trap Entry
 - Holding Cell
- Clear snow from sidewalks of all city-owned property

Public Safety

- More presence in neighborhoods
- Public safety open house/community meeting
- Concern that we do not have adequate staffing
- Publish who the officers are (Image/what they like about LV)
- Educational outreach on scams
- Provide educational material at any kiosk that accepts cash
- Improve PD infrastructure
 - Man trap entry
 - Holding Cell
- Dashboard to let the citizens know about the police activity
- Enforce snow removal on sidewalks
- Can tasers be refurbished?

Economic Development

- Business highlight display in the City Hall lobby and/or business highlight page on the City website
- Commercial Debris Pick-Up
- Commercial sidewalk snow clearing

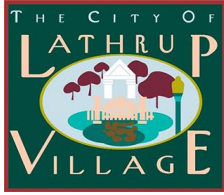
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- Businesses doing better with their sidewalk presentation (clean of weeds/debris)
- Themed/consistent décor for different seasons
- City Hall E-Sign to promote
- Find creative ways to promote available retail spaces to prospective business occupants
 - Business open houses/promotion during events for business owners
- Encourage citizens to support local businesses

Bonus Input – Types of Business You Would Want to See

- Family bar/restaurant
- Small grocery market
- No new taxes

Cost Savings

- Move administrative staff to part-time
- Leasing/renting heavy equipment as needed
- Decrease paid holidays
- Backhoe rebuild instead of new purchase
- DPS pick-up – rebuild the floor
- Outsource police (Southfield/Oakland County)
- Decrease employee IRA matches to 3 or 4%
- Change employee/employer insurance split to 70/30