



City Council Special Meeting - followed by Election Commission Meeting **DRAFT** Minutes

Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM
27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

In accordance with Emergency Orders issued local officials, and State of Michigan legislation, which allows for electronic meetings of public bodies, notice is hereby given that the City of Lathrup's City Council will be meeting in person and electronically using [www.Zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us) for videoconference and public access.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett (in accordance with PA 254 of 2020, the members should identify their physical location by stating the county, city, township, or village and state from which he or she is attending the meeting remotely).

Mary Garrett called the Special City Council meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Mykale Garrett and Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Kantor

Council members Present: Ian Ferguson, Dawn Medley and Saleem Siddiqi

All City Council members announced that are in Lathrup Village, Michigan – Oakland County except Council member Dawn Medley located Stony Brook, NY-Suffolk County and Council member Saleem Siddiqi located in Marquette, Michigan – Marquette County.

Present: City Administrator, Dr. Sheryl L. Mitchell Theriot, Asst. City Administrator/Treasurer, Pamela Bratschi, City Attorney, Scott Baker, Police Chief, Scott McKee, Director, Community and Economic Development/DDA, Susie Stec, Government Services, Kelda London and City Clerk, Yvette Talley

Others Present: Scott Ringler

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor to seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve the Agenda.

Yes: Ferguson, Garrett, Kantor, Medley, Siddiqi

No: None

Motion carried.

5. Public Comments for Items on the Agenda (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

Dr. Jackson – was not aware there was meeting tonight.

Marvin Moore – 28050 Red River Dr. N. - Asked if the Affidavit of Identity has to be turned in by the election deadline.

6. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval

A. Discussion/Review of Affidavits of Identity and Nominating Petitions

Mayor Garrett gave an overview. After receiving many questions on the affidavit of identity forms and nominating petitions, all affidavits of identity and nominating petitions were looked over again. Affidavit of Identity means you are attesting to you being who you are. According to Michigan Election Law, every part of the form has to be completed and it's the responsibility of the candidate to complete in its entirety.

City Attorney gave a recommendation to engage a private firm to provide a written legal opinion and review all affidavits of identity and nominating petitions of each candidate so the Election Commission can act in accordance to their legal opinion.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Council member Ferguson for all candidate's affidavit of identity and nominating petitions be sent to outside legal counsel for review and determine if any of the candidates should be disqualified.

Ayes: Ferguson, Garrett, Kantor, Medley, Siddiqi

Nays: None

Motion carried.

B. Appoint a City Council Member to the Election Commission for the November 2, 2021 General Election

Mayor Garrett stated -Two council members will not be allowed to be on the Election Commission because they are on the ballot for the upcoming election and they are Mayor Pro Tem Kantor and Council member Siddiqi.

Mayor Garrett recused herself from being on the Election Commission.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Council member Ferguson to appoint Council member Dawn Medley to the Election Commission.

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Ayes: Ferguson, Garrett, Kantor, Medley, Siddiqi

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

Dr. Jackson – She stated senior citizens do not have access to computers and don't visit city hall often therefore, they don't know when meetings are taking place. Asked why limbs are not being picked up and water bills have increased. Mayor Garrett said City Administrator is looking into a massive texting method to inform residents of upcoming meetings, events etc. Over the years the meetings have been posted and indicated on the city's website. Because of the massive storms there are limbs down throughout the area and the tree removal companies are behind and trying to catch up. There was a water bill increase that was in the Winter 2021 and Spring 2021 Your Town newsletter.

Dr. Jackson mentioned she called the city and the call went to the police department. Mayor Garrett asked her to supply the phone number she called and they will resolve the matter.

Marvin Moore – 28050 Red River Dr. N. – What are the choices if someone is eliminated from the ballot. Mayor Garrett stated – the decision can be appealed or they can be a write-in candidate.

8. Mayor and Council Comments

Council member Dawn Medley – wanted to get clarification of her role as an Election Commissioner.

9. Adjourn- 6:11 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Council member Ferguson to adjourn this meeting.

Ayes: Ferguson, Garrett, Kantor, Medley, Siddiqi

No: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Mykale Garrett

Yvette Talley, City Clerk