



# City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, March 17, 2025 at 7:30 PM

27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

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**1. Call to Order** by Mayor Garrett

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings

Excused: Barksdale (arrived at 7:40 PM)

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Hammond to approve the agenda with removing Item 5.A.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings

No: N/A

Absent: Barksdale

Motion Carried

**5. Presentations**

~~A. Southfield School Board Student Representative Update~~

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

Gregory & Sharon Norris – 27836 San Jose Ct. provided written comment regarding the potential opening of San Jose Blvd and how they are not in favor of the opening.

William & Linda Daniel – 19593 San Jose Blvd. provided written comment regarding the potential opening of San Jose Blvd and how they are not in favor of the opening.

Autumn Sousanis – The problem with tabling an item is that it could be un-tabled at a random meeting.

**7. Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Minutes

i. 2-24-25 - Study Session

ii. 2-24-25 - Regular Meeting

iii. 3-3-25 - Study Session

B. Building & Code Enforcement Reports

- C. Finance Department Reports
- D. Police Department Monthly reports

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kanto to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings  
No: N/A  
Absent: Barksdale  
Motion Carried

**8. Action Requests - For Consideration / Approval**

**A. Request to Approve Resolution #2025-04 - Regarding the Temporary Opening of San Jose Boulevard**

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Hammond to table item 8.A.  
No action was taken.

**B. Request to Approve Traffic Control Order (TCO) #2025-001 - San Jose Temporary Opening**

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor, seconded by Councilmember Jennings to table items 8.A. & 8.B.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings  
No: N/A  
Absent: Barksdale  
Motion Carried

**C. Request to Approve Resolution #2025-05 - Council Rules of Order & Procedure – Update**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor to approve Resolution #2025-05 - Council Rules of Order & Procedure.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings  
No: N/A  
Absent: Barksdale  
Motion Carried

**D. Request to Approve Resolution #2025-06 - Arbor Day Proclamation**

NOTE: Councilmember Barksdale arrived at the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Jennings to approve Resolution #2025-06 - Arbor Day Proclamation.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings, Barksdale  
No: N/A  
Motion Carried

**E. Request to Approve Resolution #2025-07 - Support for the Oakland County Technical Assistance & Project Support Services Grant Application**

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor to approve Resolution #2025-07 - Support for the Oakland County Technical Assistance & Project Support Services Grant Application.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings, Barksdale

No: N/A

Motion Carried

**F. Request to Approve Resolution #2025-08 - Approving a Moratorium on Money Service Businesses**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Barksdale to approve Resolution #2025-08 - Approving a Moratorium on Money Service Businesses.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings, Barksdale

No: N/A

Motion Carried

**G. Request to Approve Resolution #2025-09 - Approving a Moratorium on Small Box Discount Retail Stores**

Moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Hammond to approve Resolution #2025-09 - Approving a Moratorium on Small Box Discount Retail Stores.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings, Barksdale

No: N/A

Motion Carried

**H. Request to Approve City Administrator Compensation Increase**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor to approve a one-time bonus payment of \$3,500 to City Administrator Greene based on their performance evaluation.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings, Barksdale

No: N/A

Motion Carried

**9. City Administrator Report – N/A**

**10. City Attorney Report – N/A**

**11. Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

- a. Downtown Development Authority

Tom Kennedy (DDA Intern) provided an update on the DDA event/fundraiser – St. Baldricks Foundation Shave The Inter/Shave-a-Thon. May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Donations are welcome and more information can be found via the e-newsletter and DDA Facebook page.

b. Planning Commission

PC Meets tomorrow (3/18) to review the 2025-2030 draft capital improvement plan and schedule the school public hearing for the school redevelopment project.

c. Parks & Recreation

Food Truck Friday and Trivia are on March 21; Parks & Rec has also started hosting several Community Highlight Classes. More information on available classes can be found on the Parks & Rec Facebook page.

d. Tree Committee

The Arbor Day Event will be on April 26. More information to come.

e. Finance Review Committee

Headlee Override will potentially appear on the November ballot pending Council approval. The committee met on 3/6 to work on a public education plan. Based on the plan, the City created an information page on the website, the committee will continue with town halls (next is 4/1 at 7 PM) and will do in-home town halls later in the year.

f. Southfield School Board

Southfield Public Schools held their State of the District last week. Received their new accreditation that recognized the committee to excellence and education.

**12. Unfinished / New Business – N/A**

**13. Public Comment** (speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

Irlene Williams – (Redwood Ave) has two problems with the City: 1) dealing with City taxes and that her mortgage is paid through her mortgage company. The mortgage company said her taxes were paid, but the City said they did not receive any payment. She did not know her taxes were not paid until she contacted the City and wants receipts every time her mortgage company pays her taxes. 2) When work is being done on water lines, residents should be notified. 3) When sidewalks need to be fixed, she sent an email to the City and is not happy with the response of the City as the sidewalk is past the warranty.

Jonathan Terra – The Council needs to plead with congressional representatives to get a status on CDS funding. Any machine that accepts cash should be studied to ensure educational material is available within businesses and that it is secure. Traffic needs to be enforced on everyone from cut-through traffic to careless residents.

Lauren Bares – The Parks & Rec committee allocated \$4,000 of their budget to match the DTE grant from the City and deserves kudos for everything they do.

Diane Anderson – No report from the HDC and it seems no one from the community cares about its history. Upset a plaque that was previously in City Hall has gone missing.

Tim Hillman – Commend Nancy and the LVNG and their native plant presentation.

Donna Wallace – Wallace Financial – Business right on Southfield Road and is a retirement planner here in the City. Let the community know she provides some free services for residents.

John Roberts – current resident of LV for 46 years. Thank you to the PD for hosting their annual chili-tasting fundraiser which raised over \$500 for their charity.

Autumn Sousanis – Rainbow Drive – documents available on the Lathrup Village Voice regarding ongoings of the City. The City has renegotiated the police contract and she asked an officer why she has not seen more patrols in the area. Wants the PD to enforce the laws already in place. Wants the City to install a siren-activated gate immediately. The City has a water flow issue no matter is the Fire Department makes it to the area.

#### **14. Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Garrett

- The Fire Chief retired a couple of weeks ago.
- LVMF raised a couple of hundred dollars during the Dog & Pony fundraising campaign.
- San Jose Study Discussion led to Council consensus to ensure the road is not open to traffic.
- If there is a water main break, the City does attempt to contact the impacted homeowners. Water main breaks do impact the notification schedule.
- CDS requests are still pending congressional approval.
- Requests Dianne Anderston to provide City Staff with plaque information so they can properly search the City Hall.
- The Tree Committee will be assisting with the newly planted trees to ensure they don't die.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor

- Ditch flooding complaints. The City needs to start tackling the low-hanging fruit regarding ditches/culverts.
- Short Term Rental ordinance update
- The City received no responses to the RFQ process for the two triangle parcels, including no response from residents.
- Lead lines update from EGLE
- The citation report from the Police Department shows that two officers write most tickets.
- Congratulations to LVMF and PD for their recent fundraisers
- Finance Town Hall on April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Response to Terra – The city is aware of the old water mains throughout the community.
- Response to Sousanis – For the fire on Lacrosse, the Fire Chief noted that the city's fire hydrants worked as designed and the deluge gun was used as support from the fire department. Additionally, the second SOCWA meter should be opening within the coming months to add additional flow.
- Sidewalk program – the program was designed to flatten out sidewalks, not to have water flow perfectly to the ditch.

Councilmember Hammond

- Thank you to the PD and LVMF for hosting events to build the community.
- April 24 office hours scheduled

Councilmember Jennings

- Just received an email from a resident regarding the triangle lots.
- Regarding the Town Halls – the potential topic could be traffic control ideas

Councilmember Barksdale

- Apologize for tardiness
- Yay parks
- Response to Dianne – let CA Greene know the information. Other individuals in the community may not embrace the 40s, 50s, and 60s history as it impacted residents in different ways.

**15. Adjourn**

Moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kantor to adjourn at 9:07 PM.

Yes: Garrett, Kantor, Hammond, Jennings, Barksdale

No: N/A

Motion Carried