

CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 4, 2020

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE HELD ON MONDAY, May 4, 2020 HELD REMOTELY VIA - ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Garrett and Roll Call was taken.

Present: Mayor MyKale Garrett and Mayor Pro Tem Kantor

Council members Ian Ferguson, Saleem Siddiqi, Donna Stallings

Also Present: City Administrator, Dr. Sheryl L. Mitchell, Asst. City Administrator/Treasurer, Pamela Bratschi, City Attorney, Scott Baker, Police Chief Scott McKee, Sgt. Michael Zang, Manager, Community & Economic Development, Susie Stec, Government Operations, Kelda London and City Clerk, Yvette Talley

MAYOR INVITED ALL PRESENT TO JOIN IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CO-20-59 A. PUBLIC HEARING - 2020-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. Sheryl Mitchell gave an overview and answered specific questions.

Mayor Garrett opened the public hearing.

Sandra Gross, 18789 Saratoga Blvd.- stated she is in favor of the vegetable garden.

Mayor Garrett closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kantor, seconded by Council member Ferguson to Accept the Capital Improvement Plan for 2020-2025, as presented and passed by the City of Lathrup Village Planning Commission.

Yes: Ferguson, Garrett, Kantor, Siddiqi, Stallings

No: None

Motion carried.

CO-20-60 Discussion – Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget

Dr. Sheryl Mitchell gave an overview and answered specific questions.

General Fund/Government Operations – Revenue sharing is unknown at this time due to the current pandemic.

Government Services

Staffing – will be 2% increase recommended. Vehicle expense – no change

General Fund – Administration –

A part-time Code Enforcement position is reflected in the budget.

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Public Services – Sidewalk Program - Council has requested to implement a sidewalk maintenance program with year 1 being for the business corridors. \$10,000 in revenues and \$30,000 in expenses included in the FY 2020/2021 budget.

Lathrup Services – Department of Public Services

The budget will reflect a 1% increase for staffing - the contract is divided between General Fund – Public Services, Local roads, Major roads, Water/Sewer fund.

Recreation

The timetable for rescheduling holding events in the Community Room and group programming is undetermined at the present time. Programming categories are renamed to Adult, Seniors and Children/Youth. The contract for several pieces of equipment in the fitness center is \$5, 000 annually for 3 years. It is not included in the budget.

General Fund – Building & Grounds

Parking lots and Grounds reflects \$4,000 for contracting with City of Southfield for the required sweeping of the City Hall and DPW parking lots under the (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4 permit) Additional \$25,000 is added to Salary & Wages – Temporary for building sanitization services.

General Fund – Public Safety

To not fill the full-time officer position and complete vacant shifts with part-time officers, until trial period is concluded and a clearer understanding of the costs are known.

Major Streets

City Council recommendation is NOT transfer \$110,000 from Major Streets to Local Streets.

Local Streets

Budget does NOT reflect \$110,000 is being transferred from Major Streets. Budget reflects \$149,200 is being transferred from the General Fund=1 Mill. Water main project will not be completed until the Fall therefore, the paving will be done Spring 2021.

Water Fund

Increase in Water Purchase Rates from \$15.67 to \$17.73. It is necessary to increase the Water Rate in order to pay for the Water Main Projects and Water System Maintenance. Total water rate increase is 8.78%.

Sewer Fund

Sewer system maintenance \$100,000 to clean and televise approximately 25,000 lft of sewers located north of I-696. \$20,000 to comply the design/modeling/reporting requirements under the EGLE Administrative Consent Order (ACO).

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Capital Expenditure - The annual payment for Lathrup Village is \$160,000 is for the Evergreen Farmington Sewer Disposal District's Long-Term Corrective Action Project. Lathrup Village share is 3.06% which estimated payment of \$2,448,000. Projected shortfall of \$241,000 and will have to go into the fund balance. Leaving the fund balance with \$1.3 million.

Capital Improvements

Monitors purchased for Council chambers, conference room and the meeting place. Tasers for the Police Dept., new parking lot – DPW, park investment package, community vegetable garden.

CO-20-61 Discussion/Recommendation – City Administration Evaluation and Compensation Package Options

City Council discussed City Administrator evaluation and compensation package options.

Motion by Council member Stallings, seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve a 2% increase with the addition of up to 3% match added on to her retirement contribution and direct City Attorney, Scott Baker to draft the appropriate language for the City Administrator compensation package.

Yes: Ferguson, Garrett, Kantor, Siddiqi, Stallings

No: None

Motion carried.

CO-20-62 Mayor and Council Comments

Council member Ferguson discussed having a plaque placed on the Gordie Howe home. City Attorney stated this is not a proper use of public money. Dr. Mitchell stated to check if there is a community foundation that's willing to participate in cost sharing. Council member Ferguson asked for feedback on the Village idiots podcast to bring good cheer and updates – it's on Villagers.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor asked if there is an ordinance to regulate odor of marijuana odor in the community. Attorney Baker stated there are no restrictions on odors.

Council member Siddiqi will have information on the recycle program at the next City Council meeting. Marijuana 7:00 pm tomorrow the Marijuana study group will meet.

Dr. Sheryl Mitchell we received financial support for 15 businesses in the City thanked Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence and County Executive David Coulter – Oakland County Executive for their support. All employees and Police officers are encouraged to take the COVID-19 test. Oakland County Nurse -800-848-5533.

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Test Sites:

Southfield - Monday and Wednesday

27725 Greenfield

Southfield, MI

Between 11 and 12 mile, look for white tent)

Pontiac – Tuesday and Thursday

1200 N. Telegraph Rd

Pontiac, MI

(parking lot behind the Medical Examiner)

Council member Stallings said – 23832 Southfield Rd., Southfield, MI -COVID-19 testing 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 248- 569-2600 (bring identification and insurance card)

CO-20-63 Public Comments

Sandra Gross asked -due to COVID-19 what happens to the events that are in the proposed budget if the events don't take place? Dr. Mitchell said there will not be any programming through the month of June due to COVID-19. Grants used for recreation services that can only be used for those purposes unless we get authorization to use it differently from the funder.

Also, the money allocated for the for the Library what happens to the money because they're closed.

Answer: Dr. Mitchell stated the question has to be directed to the Library Board concerning staff, lay-offs, availability of services etc. The money assessed to the Library can't be reprogrammed.

Question from LP (resident) -regarding the need for recreation department during COVID-19. Dr. Mitchell stated, we're working on creative ways to gather and to maintain social distancing. Trying to be creative on what can be done, like online activities, projects and programs. Also, recreation staff works on many other tasks other than recreation; for example- City Hall grounds, parks, building problems etc.

CO-20-64 ADJOURNMENT

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

Yes: Ferguson, Garrett, Kantor, Siddiqi, Stallings

No: None

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Transcribed by Yvette Talley

Mykale Garrett, Mayor

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City Clerk