

CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 1 ,2021

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM.

Present: Mayor Mykale Garrett and Mayor Pro Tem Kantor
Council members Ian Ferguson and Saleem Siddiqi

Absent: Council member Donna Stallings

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

This meeting was held remotely. All City Council members stated they are in Lathrup Village, MI-Oakland County

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Garrett

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss City Council Agenda items.

Discussed items:

A. Discussion – LVPD Recruitment Effort & Signing Bonus

Dr. Sheryl Mitchell Theriot stated there have been challenges recruiting officers. Discussion of signing bonus in comparison of other cities. Officers are looking for defined benefit retirement plan -vs- defined contribution retirement plan. A flyer has been created to show the competitive benefits/salary with the signing bonus.

B. Discussion -Cannabis Caregiver Ordinance- Update

Jill Bahm gave an overview and answered specific questions. The current Zoning Ordinance does not regulate registered primary caregivers. Michigan Medicinal Marijuana Act (MMMA), the Supreme court ruled that municipalities have the authority to regulate land use as long as:

1. The municipality does not prohibit or penalize the cultivation of medical marijuana; and
2. The municipality does not impose regulations that are unreasonable and inconsistent with regulations established by state law.

The primary caregivers are only licensed to provide cannabis to five individuals and is therefore low intensity in terms of traffic and parking. The city's office district is along 12 Mile Road. This area has shops/offices where people can be in and out.

The purpose of this ordinance so we can enforce against the caregivers Ordinance operations that are taking root in residential neighborhoods. Objective is to level the playing field with the other potential uses coming in the city and to make sure they are not locating in residential areas.

C. Discussion-Technology Upgrades

Dr. Sheryl Mitchell Theriot gave an overview and answered specific questions. The purpose of Point & Pay is to make it easier for residents to take care of business. This will give the ability to pay online with credit card and e-billing.

ClearGov – Dr. Sheryl Mitchell Theriot gave an overview and answered specific questions. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) budget presentation award program is a cloud platform which makes the budget information accessible and instantly updated. City Council requested a demonstration to look at this information and City Administrator will set up a virtual meeting to do so.

D. Budget Calendar - Dr. Sheryl Mitchell Theriot gave an overview and answered specific questions. She presented the proposed budget calendar for FY 2021/2022 and City Administrator evaluation dates.

E. City Administrator Updates

Zoom is offering a closed captioning feature which will be used starting with today's meeting. City offices will be closed February 15, 2021 for President's day.

Staff and City Council will meet virtually through GoToMeeting with Jim Nash- Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner to discuss their initiatives for the new year, updates to the Evergreen-Farmington system and conversion from a sewage disposal system to a sanitary drain.

Winter property taxes are due Tuesday, February 16th

House In the Woods Realtor RFP- realtor submitted documents that were forwarded to City Attorney. This will appear on the February 22, 2021 Council agenda.

Police Department – Mr. Redstone has started the process for the space study in the basement area of City Hall.

Water Department – Web pages being updated to include more detailed information for residents. Reminders of the water survey are included on the bottom of water bills for residents. A special mailing will be done to encourage more voluntary participation.

Met with Revize regarding updating the website for the City.

Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.

DDA Board Meeting – February 19 at 12 noon

Economic Vitality Meeting – February 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Promotions Committee Meeting – February 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor asked for tree committee update. Susie Stec reported – she met with the committee they discussed- maintenance, education, home forestry class, reestablishing tree program for residents, will apply for grants in early spring/summer. They will meet again in March and reach out to people who may be interested in the committee. Dr. Sheryl Mitchell Theriot gave an update sidewalk program – incorporated the information that’s in See Click fix into the overall data base, asked Code Enforcement officer to check the neighborhoods south of I696 in order to get an estimate of what is needed.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.