

**CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 25, 2021**

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 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 Bruce Kantor  
Council members Ian Ferguson, Saleem Siddiqi

Excused: Council member Donna Stallings

Also Present: City Attorney, Scott Baker, Treasurer, Pamela Bratschi and City Clerk Yvette Talley

Purpose of meeting is to discuss City Council Agenda items.

A. Discussion Items:

A. Discussion – Proposed Mixed Use Development (deed restriction) – Julie Collins and David Flaherty

Dr. Sheryl Mitchell Theriot gave an overview and answered specific questions. There was a tentative proposal of the Lathrup School property next to City Hall. The proposed concept would consist of approximately 190-bedroom rental units and 6,000 sq. ft. of retail space. The proposed project includes the Lathrup Park property owned by the City of Lathrup Village. Southfield Public Schools has a deed restriction on this property which limits the use to recreational purposes only. In order to move the project forward, the City will look into asking Southfield Public Schools to release the deed restriction. There was a consensus from City Council to have the City Attorney move forward with drafting a letter to Southfield Public School Board requesting to grant a release of the deed restriction. City Attorney Baker stated - if they don't agree to release the deed restriction, the City will be limited as to what they can do with the parcel.

B. Discussion - RFQ -Real Estate Professional Services – House in the Woods Property

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

Natasha Hughes stated she is with -Smith- Property Management Services and realtor Lynn and Associates is the name used when acting as a realtor. She works with a broker who has 30 years of experience selling commercial and residential property.

Discussed – Laurie Bell stated Council didn't give her direction on what to do with the property. Dr. Theriot stated the it was communicated to her that City Council was sending out for bid again. Dr. Theriot state the last RFP was to find a developer/builder for the property. The city never entered into a contract with Mrs. Bell and since that time, City Council decided to put the property on the market. When the RFP was issued, Dr. Mitchell Theriot sent a copy to Laurie Bell to make sure she was aware that we were going in this direction. Dr. Mitchell Theriot and Attorney Baker will move forward with entering into an agreement with Natasha Hughes-Smith.

C. Discussion Trash

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor stated there is a problem with trash along the business corridor. Resolve: The City will send a letter to businesses to remind them to clean up their trash.

D. Auditor – RFP Update

Dr. Sheryl Mitchell Theriot stated she compared audit services provided by other municipalities. She will meet with Council member Siddiqi and Council member Ferguson to look at drafting language for these services.

E. Appointments

Discussed appointments to Board of Review. Rhonda Wilson term will expire December 31,2022, Regina Jones term will expire December 31, 2023, Leonard Alford III term will expire December 31, 2024.

F. Appointments DDA

Discussed appointments to the DDA. Susie Stec stated currently it's a 10-member Board. The DDA has recommended to City Council to reduce the size of the board to nine (9) members and eliminate the alternate position. This will help with the quorum and the odd number will help is there is a tie vote.

Pam Shermeyer term will expire February 1, 2025

Mark Watts term will expire February 1, 2023

G. Agenda Items

None

### Mayor and Council Comments

Bruce Kantor asked about a letter received from Karen Miller and Mayor Garrett stated she will acknowledge receipt of her letter.

Mayor Garrett explained – the contract for food distribution expired August 2020 and because they were not awarded a contract for our area, the food drives ended. Mayor Garrett and others are trying to put together a winter food drive.

There have been questions about the City Administrator's car allowance. Lathrup Village City Administrator has received a car allowance for many years. In the past, the City Administrator received a car.

Ian Ferguson stated he has never said the City of Lathrup Village was destitute. (In response to a letter from Karen Miller)

City Council thanked the Police Department for a great job they're doing.

Mayor Garrett read a text message from Council member Stallings indicating she's unable to attend the meeting today.

### Public Comments

None

Adjourn: 6:48 p.m.