

CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 12, 2017

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING 27400 SOUTHFIELD ROAD, LATHRUP VILLAGE, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Brock and Roll Call was taken.

Present: Mayor Frank Brock and Mayor Pro-Tem MyKale Garrett

Members Present: Council members Ian Ferguson, Maria Mannarino Thompson, Donna Stallings

Also Present: City Administrator Andrew Potter, City Attorney Scott Baker, Pamela Bratschi, Treasurer, Interim Chief Scott McKee, Recreation Director, Trina VanderArk, Downtown Development Director, Sean Kammer and City Clerk Yvette Talley

MAYOR INVITED ALL PRESENT TO JOIN IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA

CO-17-83 PETITIONS

Mary Moix, 18745 Dolores stated Mr. Potter's suitability has a negative impact on the City. Mr. Potter should not be the City Administrator.

Blanch Troup, 27230 Red River Dr. stated City Administrator has not responded to her report of tall grass. The problem was not handled by Mr. Potter but Mr. Poulos, President of Michigan First Credit Union, handled the matter.

Rick Siyufy, 18501 Saratoga Blvd. is in favor of Mr. Potter keeping his position as City Administrator.

Mykale Garrett, Mayor Pro Tem gave an overview of a matter that happened 10 years ago.

Pamela Bratschi, City Treasurer gave an overview of how she assisted Mr. Potter with the budget and the false statements he made to Fox 2 News.

Anthony DiMaggio, 28001 Southfield Rd., gave a statement on a matter that happened 10 years ago regarding Mayor Pro Tem Garrett.

Anthony DiMaggio, 28001 Southfield Rd. said the City Administrator was not allowed to do his work.

Trina VanderArk, Recreation Director said it's uncomfortable to work with Mr. Potter because of the offensive language and statements that he makes.

Deborah Hoatlin-Dunn, 27440 Lathrup Blvd., disgusted about the unflattering things that are being heard about Lathrup Village. Does not want Mr. Potter to continue to be the City Administrator.

Sean Kammer, Downtown Development Director said there has been a drastic change in the professional culture of City Hall after Mr. Potter's arrival. Several instances have been unprofessional and they are paralyzing the business of the City. Also, paralyzing the business of our Downtown Development Board which will have to be rebuilt.

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Ramona Lawrence 27331 Red River Dr. stated she is a part of a non-profit organization in Detroit who participates in the Farmer's Market. Since the opening this year, she has been wondering what is going on because of the change of the culture of the farmer's market. Very upset/disappointed that the culture of the City has taken on the culture of the government.

Virginia Franklin 27500 California Dr., S.E.- said Lathrup Village has always been welcoming and we enjoy different cultures. We have to pull together to get our City back.

Assa Farat – owner of Primerica Building stated the City needs a Chaplain. None of these issues would have escalated, if we had a Chaplain.

Mayor Brock asked City Council if they wanted to add any comments to the Summary of Mr. Potter's evaluation. Council member Mannarino Thompson said Mayor Brock did a good job in summarizing, fairly and accurately represents the evaluations.

Mayor Brock asked each Council member if they had any additions to the evaluation summary, they all said no.

CO-17-84 CITY COUNCIL WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Garrett, seconded by Council member Stallings to go into Closed Session.

Yes: Brock, Ferguson, Garrett, Mannarino Thompson, Stallings

No: None

Motion carried.

CO-17-85 CITY COUNCIL RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Council member Mannarino Thompson, seconded by Council member Stallings to return from Closed Session.

Yes: Brock, Ferguson, Garrett, Mannarino Thompson, Stallings

No: None

Motion carried.

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CO-17-86 **Consideration of Contract Status for City Administrator**

Motion by Council member Mannarino Thompson, seconded by Council member Stallings, Whereas, pursuant to the City Charter Section 3.7 the City Administrator shall hold office at the pleasure of the majority of the Council and based upon the City Administrators evaluation I move to terminate the City Administrator's contract under Section 9 of said contract.

Yes: Brock, Ferguson, Garrett, Mannarino Thompson, Stallings

No: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Brock said the services of the City of Lathrup Village will not be interrupted and will continue to uphold the high standards in which we set for ourselves. On a temporary basis the Interim City Administrator will be Pamela Bratschi, she will assist with any questions.

CO-17-87 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Yes: Brock, Ferguson, Garrett, Mannarino Thompson, Stallings

No: None

Motion carried.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Transcribed by Yvette Talley

Frank Brock, Mayor

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