

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held March 15, 2021 electronically via *Zoom* at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marquardt.

Commissioners: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

City Attorney: Michael Nolan, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

050 2021 03-15 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the Agenda for March 15, 2021 with the addition of Item H-1.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

051 2021 03-15 MINUTES

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 1, 2021, as presented.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Bahoura spoke about revenue sharing from the State of Michigan for the excise tax on recreational marihuana. Communities with retail marihuana locations received approximately \$28,000 per store; regardless of sales that were generated by the actual retail establishment. Each County will also receive funds per retail establishment located in that County as well. He indicated that Michigan has the lowest excise tax in the nation and feels that retail sales will continue to grow in the future.

Mayor Marquardt read into the record an email that was received from Amanda Phelps relating to planning opportunities she would like to see the City consider.

052 2021 03-15 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the Consent Agenda for March 15, 2021 resulting in the following:

1. Special Event: Stone Soup Pantry – Hunger Awareness Week.

2. Special Event: Crank 4 A Cause – The Beaver Dash.
3. Traffic Control Order #302.

**PERMANENT TRAFFIC CONTROL
ORDER NO. 302**

Location: Two parking spaces within City Lot #8, at the southeast corner of the municipal lot, running parallel and to the south of existing handicap spaces, west of Cedar Street and adjacent to dumpster enclosure.

Order: To install “Veterans Permit Parking Only” signage to designate two parking spaces within the municipal parking lot for the parking of Military Veterans personal vehicles only.

Reason: The City of Lapeer Police Department has received a request from Pete Kirley, Director of Lapeer County Veteran Affairs located at 287 West Nepessing Street, Suite #2 Lapeer, MI. Mr. Kirley has requested that dedicated parking spaces for Veterans engaging in services at the Veterans Affairs office be created. Mr. Kirley has stated that parking space close to the building is limited due to the amount of dedicated permit parking spaces currently existing along Clay Street for Senior Services, reference TCO No. 288. Mr. Kirley has been advised that any space that is marked with Permit Parking Only within City Lot #8 or along Clay Street can be occupied by any vehicle that properly displays a Disabled Person or Disabled Veteran placard or special license plate as outlined in MVC 257.674(6).

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

053 2021 03-15 BILL LISTING APPROVAL

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the Bill Listing for February 25, 2021 through March 10, 2021 in the amount of \$295,411.63.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

054 2021 03-15 ANNUAL FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Adopt the Annual Fair Housing Resolution.

CITY OF LAPEER

FAIR HOUSING POLICY

WHEREAS, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability; and,

WHEREAS, under the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, PA 453 of 1976, as amended, it is illegal to deny the opportunity to obtain housing to any person because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS that it is the policy of the **City of Lapeer** to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of religion, race, color, age, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, disability, familial status, or marital status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **City of Lapeer** shall not discriminate in the sale, rental, leasing, or financing of housing because of religion, race, color, sex, physical or mental disabilities, national origin, age, height, weight, familial status, or marital status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **City of Lapeer** will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of religion, race, color, sex, physical or mental disabilities, national origin, age, height, weight, familial status or marital status to seek equity under federal and state laws by providing information to said persons on how to file a complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **City of Lapeer** will at a minimum post this policy or the Fair Housing poster or other posters, flyers or other information which will bring to the attention of owners of real estate, developers and builders their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and Michigan Elliott Larsen Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect as of March 15, 2021.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

055 2021 03-15 SOCIAL DISTRICT PERMIT – TILTED AXIS BREWING COMPANY

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

Approve the Local Governmental Unit Approval for Social District Permit Resolution for Tilted Axis Brewing Company.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

056 2021 03-15 SOCIAL DISTRICT PERMIT – WOODCHIPS BBQ

Moved by Osentoski. Seconded by Pattison.

Approve the Local Governmental Unit Approval for Social District Permit Resolution for Woodchips BBQ.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

057 2021 03-15 SOCIAL DISTRICT PERMIT – JANKOVIC HOLDINGS, INC. DBA OLD DETROIT BURGER BAR

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Local Governmental Unit Approval for Social District Permit Resolution for Jankovic Holdings, Inc. dba Old Detroit Burger Bar.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

058 2021 03-15 SOCIAL DISTRICT PERMIT – POPOVIC HOLDINGS, INC. DBA VINYL BAR & GRILL

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the Local Governmental Unit Approval for Social District Permit Resolution for Popovic Holdings, Inc. dba Vinyl Bar & Grill.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

059 2021 03-15 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: CHAPTER 19 OFFENCES AGAINST PEACE, SAFETY AND MORALS

Commissioner Pattison introduced an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 19 Offences Against Peace, Safety and Morals.

**CHAPTER 19
OFFENSES AGAINST
PUBLIC PEACE, SAFETY AND MORALS**

SECTION 19-31 SOCIAL DISTRICT

19-31 Social District and Commons Area:

- (A) Pursuant to the authority granted by Public Act 124 of 2020 the City of Lapeer Commission may designate by Resolution Social District and Commons Area, which shall be clearly marked with appropriate signage within the Social District.
- (B) This section is to be strictly construed as a limited exception to, and not in conflict with, Sections 19.02H(2) of Chapter 19 Offenses Against Public Peace, Safety and Morals or Section 3-5D(10) of Chapter 3 Food and Health Section of the City of Lapeer Ordinances which generally prohibit the public consumption of, and possession of, open containers of alcoholic beverages within or upon any public street, sidewalk, alley, parking lot or property used for municipal purposes by the City of Lapeer and for purposes of Chapter 7 Zoning, Article XVII sections 7-17-01 thru 7-17.11 the Social District shall constitute the defined area required by the ordinance for the holder of a Social District Permit.

As used in this section:

- (C) Commons Area: means an area within a Social District clearly designated and clearly marked in accordance with the management and maintenance plan adopted by the City of Lapeer and which is shared by and contiguous to the premises of at least 2 Qualified Licensees the district shall constitute the “defined area” while the ordinance is in effect and the business is in compliance.
- (D) Qualified Licensee: means a retailer that holds a license, other than a special license, to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the licensed premises; and a manufacturer with either: a) an on-premises tasting room permit, b) an off-premises tasting room license, or c) a joint off-premises tasting room license.
- (E) Social District Permit: means an approved application by the City of Lapeer Commission and a permit issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to a Qualified Licensee to operate within the Social District Commons Area in accordance with Michigan statute, this Chapter and the Historic Lapeer Social District Permit Rules and Regulations made part of any approved Social District Permit.
- (F) The creation of a Commons Area shall include the adoption of a management and maintenance plan, which may be amended as necessary, for the protection of the health and safety of the community and includes, but is not limited to, limitations on the dates and times of operation and defined locations for a Commons Area.
- (G) Except as provided by State law, a Qualified Licensee and holder of a Social District Permit issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and with approval by the City of Lapeer Commission may sell alcoholic liquor for consumption within the confines of a Commons Area when all of the following requirements are met:

1. The Qualified Licensee and holder of a Social District Permit has not had their Liquor License or Social District Permit suspended by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
2. The Qualified Licensee and holder of the Social District Permit only sells and serves alcoholic liquor on the holder's licensed premises;
3. The Qualified Licensee and holder of the Social District Permit only serves alcoholic liquor to be consumed in the Commons Area in a container to which all of the following apply:
 - a. The container prominently displays the Qualified Licensee and Social Districts permit holders trade name or logo;
 - b. Container shall also prominently display a special logo that is unique to the Social District as determined by the City.
 - c. The container is not glass; and
 - d. The container has a liquid capacity that does not exceed 16 ounces.

(H) A purchaser or person in possession of, may remove a container of alcoholic liquor sold by a Qualified Licensee and holder of a Social District Permit from the Social District Permittee's licensed premises to the Commons Area if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The purchaser or person in possession of an alcoholic liquor does not remove the container from the Commons Area;
2. While possessing the alcoholic liquor container, the purchaser or person in possession of, does not enter a Qualified Licensee and holder of a Social District permit premises other than the Qualified Licensee from which the alcoholic liquor container was purchased; and
3. The purchaser or person in possession of does not possess alcoholic liquor within a motor vehicle; and
4. The purchaser or person in possession of does not consume or possess alcoholic liquor in the traveled portion of an open for vehicular travel roadway.

(I) The consumption of alcoholic liquor from a container in a Commons Area as allowed under this section may only occur during the hours established by the Management and Maintenance Plan for the Commons Area.

(J) A purchaser or person in possession of alcoholic liquor violating the restrictions set forth in this section is guilty of municipal civil infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and associated court costs.

- (K) A Qualified Licensee and holder of a Social District Permit or their employee violating or allowing others to violate the restrictions set forth in this section is guilty of a municipal civil infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and associated court costs and suspension of Social District Permit and a violation notification to the Liquor Control Commission.
- (L) The City or Lapeer Commission reserves the ability to revoke or suspend the Social District designation if it determines that the activities within or existence of the Commons Area threaten the health, safety, or welfare of the public or have become a public nuisance or that a suspension and/or hours of operation modification is in the best interest of health, safety, or welfare of the public. Before revoking the designation, the City Council will hold at least 1 public hearing, the time and place thereof which shall be noticed as required by the Open Meetings Act, MCL15.261 *et seq.*, on the proposed revocation.
- (M) The City of Lapeer Commission reserves the ability to withdraw approval of an application by a Qualified Licensee submitted to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
- (N) The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file this ordinance and any resolutions setting forth the designation of the Social District and Commons Areas along with the management and maintenance plans adopted pursuant to ordinance with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
- (O) Severability: In the event that any one or more sections, provision, phrases or words of this chapter shall be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases or words of this chapter.
- (P) Effective Date: This amendatory ordinance shall be effective 10 days after adoption by the City Commission and after publication as provided by the Charter of the City of Lapeer.
- (Q) Termination: This section shall be inapplicable after December 31, 2024 without a resolution issued by the City of Lapeer Commission for continuance as outlined within State of Michigan Public Act 124 of 2020.

060 2021 03-15 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: CHAPETER 68 MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES

Commissioner Pattison introduced an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 68 Medical Marihuana Facilities.

**CHAPTER 68
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITES**

§ 68-01 Purpose

- A. It is the intent of this Ordinance to authorize the establishment of certain types of medical marihuana facilities in the City of Lapeer and provide for the adoption of reasonable restrictions to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community at large; retain the character of neighborhoods; and mitigate potential impacts on surrounding properties and persons. It is also the intent of this Ordinance to help defray administrative and enforcement costs associated with the operation of a marihuana facility in the City of Lapeer through imposition of an annual, nonrefundable fee of not more than \$5,000.00 on each medical marihuana facility licensee. Authority for the enactment of these provisions is set forth in the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, MCL 333.27101 et seq. *The City of Lapeer specifically incorporates the terms and provisions of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act and the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act herein as if set forth hereunder.*

68-04 C.(1)(a) is amended to include the following:

(1) Application.

- (a) File an application with the City Clerk's office upon a form provided by the City of Lapeer and submittal of the annual nonrefundable fee. *Such application shall include, in addition to all other items set forth in the application itself:*
- (i) *A criminal background report on the applicant's criminal history. Such reports shall be obtained by the applicant and, if applicable, each stakeholder through the Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT) for applicants or stakeholders residing in Michigan and/or through another state sponsored or authorized criminal history access source for applicants or stakeholders who reside in other states or have resided in other states within five (5) years prior to the date of the application. The applicant or stakeholder is responsible for all charges incurred in requesting and receiving the criminal history report and the report must be dated within thirty (30) days of the date of the application. The applicant shall disclose all arrests, prosecutions and dispositions whether identified in the applicant or each stakeholder's ICHAT report or not. Failure to submit a complete criminal history report or supplemental report by the applicant and the stakeholders will result in disqualification from licensure and removal of the applicant's application form the licensure application process.*
- (ii) *A complete disclosure of the applicant and each stakeholder's litigation history, by case name, date, jurisdiction and nature or type of litigation. Failure to submit a complete litigation history by the applicant and the stakeholders will result in disqualification from licensure and removal of the applicant's application form the licensure application process.*

061 2021 03-15 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: CHAPTER 69 ADULT USE MARIHUANA BUSINESSES AND FACILITIES

Commissioner Stroh introduced an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 69 Adult Use Marihuana Businesses and Facilities.

**CHAPTER 69
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADULT USE
MARIHUANA BUSINESSES AND FACILITES**

§ 69-02 Definitions

(p) "Excess marihuana grower" means a license issued to a person holding 5 class C marihuana grower licenses or more and licensed to cultivate marihuana and sell or otherwise transfer marihuana to marihuana establishments.

§ 69-03 Licensing and Appeals

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Number</u>
Marihuana Retailer (see below)	6
Marihuana Grower (Class A, B, and C, only)	Unlimited
<i>Marihuana Excess Grower</i>	<i>Unlimited</i>
Marihuana Processor	Unlimited
Marihuana Safety Compliance Facility	Unlimited
Marihuana Secure Transporter	Unlimited

(2) No Other Licenses Authorized.

Pursuant to section 6 of the MRTMA, MCL 333.27956, The City shall not authorize any licenses to operate ~~an excess marihuana grower~~, a marihuana microbusiness, designated consumption establishment, and further shall not authorize the issuance of a marihuana event organizer license or temporary marihuana event license in the City.

§ 69-04 License Applications.

(j) A criminal background report on the applicant's criminal history. Such reports shall be obtained by the applicant and, if applicable, each stakeholder through the Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT) for applicants or stakeholders residing in Michigan and/or through another state sponsored or authorized criminal history access source for applicants or stakeholders who reside in other states or have resided in other states within five (5) years prior to the date of the application. The applicant or stakeholder is responsible for all charges incurred in requesting and receiving the criminal history report and the report must be dated within thirty (30) days of the date of the application. *The applicant shall disclose all arrests, prosecutions and dispositions whether identified in the applicant or each stakeholder's ICHAT report por not. Failure to submit a complete criminal history report or supplemental report by the applicant and the stakeholders will result in disqualification from licensure and removal of the applicant's application form the licensure application process.*

(q) *A complete disclosure of the applicant and each stakeholder's litigation history, by case name, date, jurisdiction and nature or type of litigation. Failure to submit a complete litigation history by the applicant and the stakeholders will result in disqualification from licensure and removal of the applicant's application form the licensure application process.*

A discussion ensued relating to the amendments to this chapter and why they are being introduced. These changes would add a new category of license, if approved, by adding an excess grower, which was not included in the current ordinance. After five (5) Class C licenses have been approved for a single location, an excess grower license would be required for an additional 2,000 plants, this would allow for larger square foot buildings to be eligible for use.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kerbyson stated the house that was for sale at 371 Turrill closed today at a small profit. Also, he was asked to comment on the Consumers Energy Grant for \$350,000 which is designed to help the environment as a green application. A map showing the proposed updates to the area also shows the key component of the grant, which is being billed as green environmental, will benefit the earth, as well as the community; there are rain gardens which clean the water before it flows to the river, riverbank stabilization, connects to existing bioswales, provides an extension of the walking path, and is a funding source for the new Farmer's Market pavilion; as well as it ties into our walkability and the area is truly in need of repair and is a good beautification project. There was a very short turnaround window on submission to submit this application and we had already received the phase one approval.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

062 2021 03-15 RESOLUTION DECLARING A CONTINUING LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

To adopt resolution declaring a continuing Local State of Emergency (COVID-19), to extend the virtual meetings until April 19, 2021.

A Resolution Declaring a Local State of Emergency (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, COVID-19, and the possible exposure to persons afflicted with it, constitute a clear and present danger to the health, safety, and welfare of City personnel and persons doing business with or residing in the City. Federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations, including from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), have been issued in an effort to control the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic declared by the World Health Organization (WHO); and

WHEREAS, these federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations include closing and restricting business establishments; cancelling, postponing, and limiting the numbers at gatherings of people; postponing or limiting the number of persons required to physically attend public meetings; and calling for appropriate steps to be taken by local governments in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations have been changed or updated on a frequent basis, and further changes or updates are expected. Most recently, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an Emergency Order on March 5, 2021, which includes limiting the number of persons permitted to attend indoor gatherings and

requiring the implementation of social distancing protocols and the wearing of face masks. The MDHHS Order directly impacts the City's ability to conduct indoor gatherings, including public meetings of City Officials, City Administration, City Staff and Employees and members of the general public due to space constraints; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 and the possible exposure to persons afflicted with it, the emergence of dangerous new COVID variants, and the unavailability of COVID vaccine for most of the public constitute a clear and present danger to the health, safety, and welfare of City residents, personnel, and persons doing business with the City; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with section 3a(1)(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and pursuant to federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations, the Mayor and City Commission, pursuant to Section 6.9 of the City Charter, have determined and declare a continuing Local State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and authorize the City Manager, or Mayor, in conjunction with City Staff and Police and Fire Services, to act in accordance with the City of Lapeer Emergency Preparedness Plan, to ensure that indoor gatherings are conducted safely and in accordance with applicable federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations relating to COVID-19.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AND DECLARED by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Lapeer, Lapeer County, Michigan, that there is a continuing Local State of Emergency in the City due to COVID-19, and that MDHHS orders be implemented to ensure that local resources are to be used as needed and to the fullest extent possible to minimize the risk to personal health/safety of the public or members of the City Commission or City Staff.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND DECLARED THAT:

1. The City Commission authorizes the City Manager, or Mayor to take appropriate measures, in their discretion, to respond to or protect City residents, businesses, and personnel from the declared Local State of Emergency by adopting and enforcing all appropriate measures, including but not limited to:
 - A. Taking actions necessary to comply with federal, state, and county orders and directives that are binding on the City.
 - B. Limiting, cancelling, or postponing City meetings and functions to those required by law, or those deemed to fall within the safe gathering guidelines of MDHHS.
 - C. Cancelling, postponing, or establishing emergency rules for any public meeting of a City Commission, board, commission, or committee, and providing public notice and conducting City Commission, board, commission, and committee meetings electronically with remote attendance, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended.
2. This Declaration shall remain in effect until the earlier of April 19, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. or the City Commission determines the Local State of Emergency no longer exists and terminates this Declaration.

Resolution declared adopted this 15th day of March 2021.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Cattane, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: Atwood, Osentoski.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED 3-2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Departmental Monthly Reports, Downtown Development Authority and the Marihuana Licenses Report were received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pete McCreedy, gave no address, stated the bioswales, parking lot and pavilion concept has some incredible potential; applauded the City for taking the lead on the move of the Farmer's Market, as the number one employer in Lapeer County is farming. This is impressive. Also, feels that Lapeer Days will be enhanced with the improvements to the new Farmer's Market area and the riverfront is a centerpiece of this community and to treat it properly, get access to it, and highlight it to others will be a real focal point of the community.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Atwood: Thanked the Commission for approving the new event the Beaver Dash Bash; exciting to see the families get involved in recreation around the trails. Thanked Chief Frisch for all his hard work on the Social District. Kayak launch is being planned off N. Saginaw and there is a fund-raising effort through Patronicity to raise \$7,000 for the project.

Commissioner Osentoski: Go to patroncity.com to search for Lapeer Landing and you can contribute to the fund which will be matched; will be great for the City; this is a big project so please spread the word. Thank you to Police Chief Frisch for all his hard work on the Social District and thank you to the Commission for approving the resolutions.

Commissioner Cattane: Happy Birthday to Commissioner Atwood; loves downtown Lapeer and wants things to be better; but let us not forget the things that have made us great. As the community changes he wants heavy involvement with of all sorts of points of view so the community can see and embrace the change. Mother received her second COVID-19 shot and soon she can go shopping. Virtual meetings, he would rather be safe than sorry; does not want to be involved in contributing to someone catching COVID-19.

Commissioner Stroh: Thank you to everyone for doing the great work; thanks to Pete McCreedy for speaking so eloquently about the riverfront and the proposed future for our City; the river is important and does become a showcase or center point of our community. Change is not easy for organizations when faced with it, yet we still have to make alternate changes for growth; but our community is growing, and we need to address the issues. Cultural arts are all over town; Stones Throw Theater and Gallery 194 have shows, stay safe and thank you so much for all the hard work everyone is doing.

Commissioner Pattison: Did not want to have to vote for virtual meetings, we are far more effective in person, however, we need to be safe. Vaccines are opening to everyone; the

faster we get vaccines in arms, the faster we get back to normal. Be safe, follow the guidelines.

City Manager Kerbyson: Spent several hours inside White Junior High this morning with MDEQ; have had many hazards removed from the building; MDEQ is requiring some more abatement of items in the building. Interesting that State collected \$30 million in Marihuana tax but distributed only \$10 million.

Mayor Marquardt: Excited and thank everyone who is involved in the trail system and looks forward to the Beaver Dash Bash; would be willing to help at the event that day. There are a lot of phone scams going around these days; she received documents via UPS and a moment later received a call stating she had received an illegal package. Please share the information to make others aware of the scam; thanked everyone for being here tonight.

063 2021 03-15 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk

Tracey S. Russell, Deputy City Clerk