

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held June 2, 2025, at the 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, Brady, Glisman, Swindell.

Absent: Commissioner Petrie.

City Manager: Mike Womack, present.

City Attorney: T. Allen Francis, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

104 2025 06-02 EXCUSE COMMISSIONER

Moved Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

To excuse Commissioner Petrie from tonight's meeting, as she is unable to attend.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

105 2025 06-02 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the Agenda for June 2, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

106 2025 06-02 MINUTES

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Good gave an invocation.

James Alt, Executive Director of the DDA spoke about the letter of intent for grant funding; and a \$15,000 grant received from Michigan Main Street.

Doug Schultz spoke about the Flint River Watershed Coalition event on June 12, 2025.

107 2025 06-02 BILL LISTING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the bill listing for June 2, 2025, in the amount of \$257,577.29.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

108 2025 06-02 BUDGET AMENDMENTS FY2024/25

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the budget amendments for FY2024/25, as presented.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ayes: Brady, Glisman, Swindell, Atwood.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

109 2025 06-02 LETTER OF INTENT – MI NEIGHBORHOOD CDBG

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the City Manager to submit a letter of intent to apply for the MI Neighborhood CDBG program.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack commented that previously there have been discussions about where to place the extra cupola. Commissioners Glisman and Swindell met with Rodney Church, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery, to explore potential options. Director Church's report is included in the agenda packet for reference. One of the traffic islands on Demille Boulevard appears to be the most suitable option. While a base would need to be constructed, this location is in a high-traffic area and is situated on the Oakdale property. The City Manager would like the Commission to take action on this matter.

110 2025 06-02 CUPOLA LOCATION

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Accept 2a as the placement of the cupola, the most northern traffic island on Demille Blvd., just south of W. Genesee St.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Womack presented the Commission with a draft Special Assessment District (SAD) Policy. First and Second Streets are scheduled for improvement this year, while Park and Pine Streets are planned for next year. Staff requires direction from the Commission in order to move forward with establishing a Special Assessment District.

The Commission engaged in a lengthy discussion about the policy that was presented to them as well as the roads that are slated for future reconstruction. Summary of this draft: \$100,000 from marijuana revenue to be allocated to support Special Assessment Districts; current policy percentages to be reduced by 50%; annual payment cap to be established at \$365 per

property. City Manager Womack will revise the draft, accordingly, collaborate with the City Attorney on the legal language, and present the updated policy to the Commission at a future meeting.

City Manager Womack proposed modifications to the terms of his employment contract to better position himself to relocate closer to the community. He presented three proposed amendments:

- Section 1 – Term: Adjustment of the contract duration.
- Section 3 – Compensation: Revisions to salary or related compensation details.
- Section 8 – Severance: Updates to severance provisions.

The Commission engaged in a thorough discussion regarding the proposed amendments to his employment contract.

111 2025 06-02 AMENDMENTS TO CITY MANAGER’S CONTRACT

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

To amend Section 1. Term to: The City Manager is an “At Will” employee and serves at the pleasure of the City Commission. This agreement shall remain in full force for an indefinite period, in accordance with the Lapeer Charter Section 4-6. Mr. Womack began his term as City Manager beginning on the 8th day of May 2023, with the final language to be approved by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

112 2025 06-02 AMENDMENTS TO CITY MANAGER’S CONTRACT

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

To amend Section 3. Compensation to: The Employer shall provide reimbursement for moving expenses not to exceed \$3,000, employee shall provide evidence of expenses related to his moving expenses upon request, purchase of mortgage points to be considered an eligible moving expense. The employee understands and agrees that residence within the City is preferable but not required of employee. Given the nature of the position, the ability to respond to City emergencies in a timely manner is important and therefore the employee shall live within a reasonable distance of the City.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

113 2025 06-02 RESIGNATION – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

Accept the resignation of Denis McCarthy from the Local Development Finance Authority and declare the seat vacant.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The DDA Monthly Departmental Report was received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brady: Attended Bike Night, which started last week. Has been researching the MI Neighborhood Grant and will need a letter from the attorney to proceed.

Commissioner Swindell: Her grandmother shared the positive “sound offs” from Sunday’s paper, which she read aloud. The community is paying attention and appreciates the relationships that are being mended. Reminder: the Swing Out event is tomorrow—please be careful.

Commissioner Atwood: The CEC Conference was held in Lapeer this past weekend and had a large turnout, with several organizations in attendance. He expressed appreciation for the people in the community, noting that they make us stand out. Also praised both City and County staff for their excellent work.

Commissioner Glisman: Noted that on this day in 1935, Babe Ruth announced his retirement with 714 home runs, and it was also the day of Queen Elizabeth II’s coronation. Has attended the Farmers Market for the past three Saturdays, despite the cold weather.

City Manager Womack: Echoed Commissioner Atwood’s praise of the CEC Conference, noting the great turnout. Gave a shout-out to Mr. Alt, Mr. Atwood, Ms. Bostick, Mr. Church, and everyone who contributed to the event. Thanked the Commission for today’s discussion. Shared historical facts: In 1692, Bridget Bishop was the first person tried for witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts. In 1763, during Pontiac’s Rebellion, the Chippewa captured Fort Michilimackinac using a game of lacrosse as a diversion.

Mayor Marquardt: Attended the conference and felt it was a valuable event with many learning opportunities, hosted at various local businesses. Concluded by reading a list of upcoming local events.

114 2025 06-02 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk