

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 3, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held on June 3, 2024, 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, Petrie, Swindell.  
Absent: None.

City Manager: Mike Womack, present.  
City Attorney: T. Allen Francis, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**125 2024 06-03 AGENDA APPROVAL**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.  
Approve the Agenda for June 3, 2024, as presented.  
Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.  
Nays: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**126 2024 06-03 MINUTES**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.  
Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 20, 2024, as presented.  
Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.  
Nays: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Higgins, 334 Old Farm Lane, spoke about the marihuana odor.

Rick Thornton, manager of the marihuana grow facility, spoke about the odor.

Andy Shango, owner of SDRK Group, LLC, spoke about the odor from the facility and the status of their license with the State of Michigan.

Jacob Dikhow, SDRK Group, LLC, spoke about the marihuana odor.

Joseph Israel, SDRK Group, LLC, spoke about the marihuana odor.

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation.

**127 2024 06-03 BILL LISTING**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.  
Approve the bill listing for June 3, 2024, in the amount of \$453,228.68.  
ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.  
Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.  
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**128 2024 06-03 DDA – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director Employment Contract Addendum as approved by the DDA Board on April 24, 2024.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ayes: Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell, Atwood

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**129 2024 06-03 2024-25 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION LICENSES**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the 2024-2025 Solid Waste Collection Licenses for Republic Services of Flint (a.k.a. Tri-County Refuse), Rick Rhein Disposal, and GFL Environmental.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**130 2024 06-03 EARLY VOTING SITE CHANGE**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the Early Voting Site Polling Place location change for the City of Lapeer to City of Lapeer, City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, MI.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**131 2024 06-03 2024 FIREWORKS APPLICATION**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the 2024 Application for Fireworks and the 2024 Permit for Fireworks submitted by Ace Pyro and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign all necessary documentation.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**132 2024 06-03 TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND  
CATEGORY B GRANT PROPOSAL – PINE STREET**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve a Grant Proposal for a Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Grant for Pine Street and allow Jeffrey Graham, Director, Department of Public Works to sign the documents and commit to funding the local contribution for said grant.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**133 2024 06-03 SPECIAL EVENT – 2024 NIGHTMARE ON NEPESSING**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the Special Event Application for the Optimist Nightmare on Nepessing, October 12, 2024, pending the certificate of insurance being provided.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Womack commented about a couple of road closures tomorrow: Monroe Street, Court Street, and East Street.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **134 2024 06-03 RESIGNATION – PARK BOARD – M. JOHNSON**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Accept Marty Johnson's resignation from the Park Board and declare the seat vacant.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

The DDA Monthly Departmental Report was received into the record.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Higgins spoke about Chapter 69 Adult Use Marihuana Businesses and Facilities.

Joe Israel, SDRK Group, LLC, spoke about the marihuana odor.

Bryan Cloutier spoke about the marihuana odor and the ordinance.

Rich Thornton read a letter about the marihuana odor.

### **MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Petrie: Perfect weather for Bike Night, hopes the businesses got a bump from it. Has been here a long time too; her father was a city commissioner and business owner; she was elected to protect this city and all businesses and has every intention to do so. Grateful for both parents; lost her father at age 13; her parents taught her many valuable lessons. Mother taught her to leave each place better than when she got there; nothing is more valuable than people and children are our most valuable resource. She honors her mother today, her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, as she is the one responsible for making her who she is today.

Commissioner Glisman: Expressed her condolences to Mr. Shango for the loss of his brother Gary. Knows that the Chaldean community does seek to do the right thing. People do absorb the odors of their place of business; she noticed the odor of marihuana on the business owners when they came in tonight. It is not a pleasant odor and can understand the frustration of the residents on the east side of the city. She attended Bike Night last Friday; it was very busy. In honor of summer and baseball, a reminder that today, June 3, 1888 "Casey at the Bat" was first published. She asked if the City Manager could get a Lapeer baseball team together.

Commissioner Swindell: Graduation week for Lapeer; swing-out is tomorrow, come downtown and see all the kids; be mindful of the kids when they are out of school next week. She also attended Bike Night and noted that our Police Officers were letting people know the social district has been extended, but the signage has not been corrected. Summertime is her favorite time of year.

Commissioner Atwood: Attended a conference in Cadillac, Michigan last week. Reminded everyone that they are always representing the City of Lapeer and it is important how each of us to do that. Wants to do the right thing about the marihuana odor and defers to the City Manager and City Attorney about having a meeting.

City Manager Womack: Was also at the conference in Cadillac, Michigan last week, and attended a class about Cottage Food Laws that relate to Farmers' Markets, which is an important step in getting home-based businesses into storefronts. This helps the economic development of the city. He is working hard to get businesses to come to the City of Lapeer. Asked Rodney Church to share information about the splash pad, pickleball courts, and the Rowden Park Trails.

Mayor Marquardt: Has been out walking on the new path at Rowden Park; Bike Night was a success. Read the list of local events. Acknowledged the hard work of the Housing Department. There will be 17 homeowners having improvements to their properties because of their hard work.

**135 2024 06-03 ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Mayor Marquardt adjourned the regular meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

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Romona Sanchez, City Clerk