

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held August 4, 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, Petrie, Swindell.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Mike Womack, present.

City Attorney: T. Allen Francis, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

160 2025 08-04 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the Agenda for August 4, 2025, with the removal of Item C-1 Special Event: Human Development Commission from the consent agenda and moving it to G-5 for discussion.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

161 2025 08-04 MINUTES

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the minutes of the Special meeting held July 14, 2025, and the Regular meeting held July 21, 2025.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeremy Hing announced his candidacy for Mayor in the upcoming November 2025 election.

Lynne McCarthy announced her candidacy for City Commissioner in the upcoming November 2025 election.

James Alt, Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority, spoke about the Back to the Bricks event.

Chris Turner, Crank Cycle and Fitness, and two (2) others spoke about the Oakdale Trail expansion.

Four (4) other people spoke about the Oakdale Trail Expansion.

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation.

162 2025 08-04 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the consent agenda for August 4, 2025, items C-2 and C-3:

2. Special Event: Lapeer Community Schools Homecoming Parade, Friday, September 19, 2025, Downtown Lapeer on Nepessing St., from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
3. Special Event: Crank 4 A Cause, Beaver Dash Bash, Saturday, September 20, 2025, Oakdale Trail System, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

163 2025 08-04 BILL LISTING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for August 4, 2025, in the amount of \$1,127,788.70.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

164 2025 08-04 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - SEWER CAMERA (CIP #23008)

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the purchase of Cues C550 Sewer Inspection System from MTech Company for an amount not to exceed \$98,919.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

165 2025 08-04 ROWE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – M24 TUNNELL CONNECTION (CIP#91580)

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the ROWE Professional Services, Construction Engineering Agreement for the M-24 Tunnel Connection project, for an amount not to exceed \$125,250 and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery to sign the necessary documents.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

166 2025 08-04 OAKDALE TRAILS EXTENSION – CONTRACTOR SELECTION (CIP #23043)

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve Trail Sense, LLC's proposal for the Oakdale Trail Extension Project for an amount not to exceed \$65,000, and authorize the Director of Lapeer Parks, Recreation & Cemetery to prepare and execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

167 2025 08-04 MURAL PROJECT (CIP #22995)

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the mural project artwork concept and location, for an amount not to exceed \$12,000 as presented, and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery to prepare and sign all necessary documents.

Several commissioners expressed concerns about the proposed mural on the rear of the Pix. Commissioners Petrie and Brady prefer not to rush the project, and Commissioner Glisman does not support this particular mural for the City of Lapeer. Commissioner Brady proposed forming a subcommittee with Commissioner Glisman, Jill Lyons, and James Alt. Commissioner Atwood noted the need for more color in the mural but emphasized that the commission's role is to set policy and approve funding, not to micromanage committee decisions. He stressed the importance of trusting appointed board members, establishing clear policies, and being mindful during public discussions to avoid confusion.

Ayes: Atwood, Swindell.

Nays: Brady, Glisman, Petrie.

MOTION FAILED 2-3.

168 2025 08-04 ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEE FOR ARTWORK

Motion by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

To form a subcommittee for the purpose of overseeing the use of MSHDA funding, specifically to finalize the artwork concept and location for the mural project. The subcommittee shall include Commissioner Glisman, Commissioner Brady, Ms. Jill Lyons, Mr. James Alt, and members of the DDA subcommittee.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie.

Nays: Swindell.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

169 2025 08-04 SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION – HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

To approve the Special Event Application for Human Development Commission HDC Fun Fair, Tuesday, August 19, 2025, Cramton Park, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack commented that for the upcoming MML Conference, a designated voting delegate needs to be chosen as well as an alternate.

170 2025 08-04 MML – DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the appointment of Joshua Atwood to be the designated official voting member on behalf of the City of Lapeer at the MML Annual Meeting/Convention and the City Manager, Mike Womack shall serve as the alternate voting member.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Womack noted that he applied for a grant to update the City's Master Plan and the Non-Motorized Plans and expressed appreciation for the opportunity given the large cost associated with updating these plans.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Francis reported that the closing on the Freshwater Gardens land swap is expected to take place this week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

171 2025 08-04 REAPPOINTMENT – PLANNING COMMISSION

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

To confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Catherine Bostick-Tullius to the Planning Commission for a term to expire August 1, 2028.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

172 2025 08-04 RESIGNATION – DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Brady.

To accept the resignation of Ashley Fanson, from the Downtown Development Authority and declare the seat vacant.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The DDA Monthly Report was received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelly Nolan spoke about a Lapeer District Library Board member.

Karen Braschayko spoke about the murals and the fireworks.

Chris Turner spoke about the Oakdale Trail Expansion, Back to the Bricks event, and the update of the Master Plan.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Swindell: Expressed gratitude to the public for their attendance, participation tonight and their volunteer efforts to improve the city. Special thanks given to Crank for a Cause for their generous donation to the city's trail system—a contribution that is valued by many residents and represents a strong community partnership. She expressed deep disappointment that the proposed public art was once again rejected by the commission. Echoing Commissioner Atwood's earlier remarks, they emphasized that the commission's role is to set policy and approve budgets—not to micromanage or undermine the work of the DDA Placemaking Committee, noting DDA members are appointed by this commission. Great concern that rather than offering solutions, the commission is simply saying “no”.

Commissioner Petrie: While she does trust the city's appointed boards and committees, she was elected to provide oversight and share her opinions on city matters. Acknowledges that

differing opinions are natural and noted that the DDA meeting did not reflect unanimous support for the proposed mural. She emphasized that public art should reflect the will of the majority and reiterated a previous suggestion to form a qualified art committee to help guide future art selections. She expressed appreciation to all volunteers, especially those who assisted with cleanup following the fireworks display, including many members of the Republican Party for its strong volunteer turnout. Thanked the trailblazers for their dedication and passion for maintaining the city's trails. Her belief is that the city does not have jurisdiction over the library.

Commissioner Brady: Things get brought to this board and the answers possible are yes, no and wait. Is in favor of sometimes waiting, pausing and slowing down things. Does not feel that mural is an emergency, it's a luxury. We are blessed to have the funding source and the artists available. We will get something really good put up there.

Commissioner Glisman: Lilac Project is progressing well. Attendees at the most recent meeting expressed strong interest in the initiative and in serving on the steering committee. Farmers market vendors are enthusiastic and optimistic about a successful planting season, with hopes of offering lilacs for sale next year. Commissioner Petrie met with Home Depot; they plan to order extra lilac bushes this fall to support the project. Hopes the cyclists will enjoy the lilacs and suggested that they line the trails with them. Acknowledged the anniversary of the Saturday Evening Post, which first published on this day in 1821, and shared a well-known quote from Benjamin Franklin.

Commissioner Atwood: Thanked the commission for coming up with a subcommittee and to those who volunteer; emphasized the need for a clear policy to provide better direction in the future. Recently visited Farmington Hills, where they met with a representative of the Youth Council to gain insight and gather new ideas. Volunteered on the trails alongside County Commissioner Haggadone and had the opportunity to ride the trails a few days later. He participated in a ride-along with Officer Wenzel, noting it was a valuable experience to see the work of local law enforcement firsthand. Concluded by reaffirming his commitment to making the city awesome and continuing to work hard in that effort.

City Manager Womack: Hope to move into the area by October. Expressed his gratitude to all first responders for their behind-the-scenes efforts during the Back to the Bricks event. He looks forward to becoming more actively involved as a volunteer in the future. Today marks the birthday of legendary musician Louis Armstrong, born in 1901.

Mayor Marquardt: Read the list of local events. Thanked everyone for being here tonight and thanked all the volunteers who work on the Oakdale trails.

173 2025 08-04 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk