

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2026**

A special meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held August 24, 2026, at the Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Hing, Commissioners: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, McCarthy, Petrie.
Absent: None.

Also present: Acting City Manager Howe, City Attorney Francis, City Clerk Sanchez.

Mayor Hing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rodney Sanderson-Smith gave an invocation.

Mayor Hing ruled Ken Kopnick out of order for the first time this meeting.

248 2026 08-24 SUSPEND THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE COMMISSION

Moved by Brady. Second by Atwood.

To suspend the rules.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Brady.

Nays: Glisman, McCarthy, Petrie.

MOTION FAILED 2-3.

Mayor Hing ruled a woman attempting to give public comment, out of order two times.

249 2026 08-24 SPECIAL LEAVE OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE COMMISSION

Moved by Brady. Second by Glisman.

To grant special leave to a resident by the Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Maxine Henderson read comments from others.

Leslie Getz commented on the suggested motions.

Bridgett Griffith commented on being in touch with disability activists.

Gerald Geake commented on City Manager Womack.

Karen Miller commented on behaviors of the Commission.

Bill Sprague commented on actions of the Commission.

Stephen Schwartz commented on actions of the Commission.

Shiela Mallon commented that some people are in over their heads.

250 2026 08-24 SPECIAL LEAVE OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE COMMISSION

Moved by Brady. Second by Atwood.

To grant Ken Kopnick special leave by the Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Glisman, McCarthy, Petrie, Atwood.

Nays: Brady.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

Ken Kopnick commented on actions by the Commission.

Heidi Helfer commented on actions by the Mayor and Commissioners.

Karen Braschayko commented on actions of the Mayor.

Anne Shenck commented on the City Manager Womack.

Carol Brown thanked Mayor Hing for his integrity.

Geraldine Carson commented on other public comments and City Manager Womack.

City Attorney Francis read a written public comment submitted by Joey Ford.

Mayor Hing read a written public comment submitted by Matt Hart.

DISCIPLINARY DECISION – CITY MANAGER

Stephen Schwartz spoke on behalf of City Manager Womack regarding the mutual release of employment.

Aaron Graves commented on the agreement and provided several different options.

251 2026 08-24 CITY MANAGER - RESIGNATION

Moved by Brady. Second by Atwood.

To accept the settlement, as discussed.

252 2026 08-24 RECESS

Moved by Petrie. Second by McCarthy.

To take a five (5) minute recess.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission took a recess at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened the special meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Vote on main motion 251 2026 08-24:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Glisman, McCarthy, Atwood, Brady.

Nays: Petrie.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

253 2026 08-24 SETTLEMENT OPTION

Moved by Atwood. Second by Glisman.

To accept settlement option B.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: McCarthy, Atwood, Brady, Glisman.

Nays: Petrie.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

254 2026 08-24 ACTING CITY MANAGER

Moved by Petrie. Second by Glisman.

To approve Chief Howe as Acting City Manager until we have an interim City Manager.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

255 2026 08-24 SEARCH FOR INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Moved by McCarthy. Second by Petrie.

For staff to start the search for an interim City Manager and to include an advertisement in the MML job search section and begin to compile resumes for interview.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mayor and Commissioners made closing remarks. No further business was brought before the Commission.

256 2026 08-24 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the special meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Jeramy Hing, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk