

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held April 6, 2026, at the Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Hing.

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

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Womack, City Attorney Francis, City Clerk Sanchez.

Mayor Hing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

70 2026 04-06 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Brady. Seconded by McCarthy.

Approve the Agenda for April 6, 2026, with the modification of moving item C-1 to G-6; C-2 to G-7 and C-3 to G-8.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

71 2026 04-06 MINUTES

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by McCarthy.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 16, 2026, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Braschayko spoke about America 250.

Art Sieting spoke about SDRK Group, LLC. and the Mayor's comments at previous meetings.

Bryan Cloutier spoke about appointment to boards.

Ken Kopnick spoke about boards and the Mayor's comments at previous meetings.

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation.

Wes Weber spoke about Brookwood subdivision, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting, America 250 and Christianity.

72 2026 03-06 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the consent agenda for April 6, 2026, as presented:

4. 2026 Annual Spring Clean-Up – May 4, 2026, City-wide.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, McCarthy, Petrie.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

73 2026 04-06 BILL LISTING

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the bill listing for April 6, 2026, in the amount of \$1,322,190.36.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**74 2026 04-06 RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILLS 5529, 5530, 5531,
5532, 5581, 5582, 5583, 5584, AND 5585**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by McCarthy.

Adopt the Resolution opposing House Bills 5529, 5530, 5531, 5532, 5581, 5582, 5583, 5584, and 5585.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILLS 5529, 5530,
5531, 5532, 5581, 5582, 5583, 5584, AND 5585**

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan and operates under the principles of **home rule authority** as provided by the Michigan Constitution and applicable statutes; and

WHEREAS, home rule is a foundational principle in Michigan that grants local governments the authority to adopt and enforce zoning ordinances, land use regulations, and development standards tailored to the unique needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has introduced House Bills 5529, 5530, 5531, 5532, 5581, 5582, 5583, 5584, and 5585 (collectively, the “Bills”); and

WHEREAS, these Bills would impose statewide mandates on local zoning and land use regulations, including but not limited to lot sizes, dwelling unit types, setbacks, parking requirements, accessory dwelling units, and procedural requirements for development review; and

WHEREAS, these Bills represent a significant **preemption of local zoning authority**, as they would override locally adopted ordinances and eliminate the ability of municipalities to regulate land use based on local conditions, infrastructure capacity, and community character; and

WHEREAS, Michigan law has historically recognized that zoning and land use decisions are best determined at the local level, where elected officials are accountable to residents and possess direct knowledge of community needs; and

WHEREAS, statewide zoning mandates that preempt local authority undermine the ability of municipalities to implement comprehensive plans, manage growth responsibly, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of their residents; and

WHEREAS, according to municipal organizations across Michigan, including the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Townships Association, these Bills would “strip locally elected officials of their decision-making authority” and constitute a “clear override from Lansing on local voices and voter-backed decisions”.

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would impose **one-size-fits-all standards** that fail to account for the diversity of Michigan communities, including differences in infrastructure, geography, density, and long-term planning goals.

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer is concerned that these Bills would undermine locally developed zoning standards, reduce public input, and diminish the effectiveness of community-driven planning processes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Lapeer hereby **strongly opposes House Bills 5529, 5530, 5531, 5532, 5581, 5582, 5583, 5584, and 5585** as an unlawful and inappropriate **preemption of local home rule authority**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lapeer urges the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate to reject these Bills and to preserve the constitutional and statutory authority of local governments to regulate land use and zoning within their jurisdictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lapeer respectfully requests that any future housing policy be developed in **collaboration with local governments**, respecting home rule authority and allowing flexibility for communities to address housing needs in a manner consistent with local conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Michigan House of Representatives, the bill sponsors, the Michigan Senate, the Governor of Michigan, and the City’s state legislative delegation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Lapeer reaffirms its commitment to responsible, locally driven planning and opposes any legislation that undermines the principles of home rule and local control.

Dated this 6th day of April 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

75 2026 04-06 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HOUSE BILL 5537

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Glisman.

Adopt the Resolution urging the Michigan Senate and Governor to approve House Bill 5537 to ban Kratom.

**RESOLUTION URGING THE MICHIGAN SENATE AND GOVERNOR TO APPROVE
HOUSE BILL 5537 TO BAN KRATOM**

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer is committed to protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) is a psychoactive substance with opioid-like effects that has been associated with addiction, dependency, adverse health effects, and, in some cases, death; and

WHEREAS, kratom products are frequently sold without standardized dosing, manufacturing oversight, or age restrictions, creating significant risks to consumers, including minors; and

WHEREAS, local units of government have limited authority to effectively regulate emerging and potentially harmful substances without clear and consistent direction from the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Michigan House Bill 5537 (HB 5537) has been passed by the Michigan House of Representatives and is now under consideration by the Michigan Senate; and

WHEREAS, HB 5537 would establish a uniform statewide prohibition on kratom, promoting consistency in enforcement and supporting broader public health and substance abuse prevention efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Lapeer hereby urges the Michigan Senate to adopt House Bill 5537; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Commission urges the Governor of the State of Michigan to sign HB 5537 into law upon its passage by the Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, members of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives representing the City of Lapeer, and relevant statewide organizations including the Michigan Municipal League; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lapeer encourages other municipalities to take similar action in support of protecting public health and safety.

Dated this 6th day of April 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

76 2026 04-06 SDRK GROUP, LLC. – APPEAL FOR GROW FACILITY LICENSES

Moved by McCarthy. Seconded by Atwood.

To postpone the decision on the license renewal and direct the city attorney to discuss a potential resolution with SDRK Group, LLC to see if there is a potential agreement that all parties might find acceptable.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

77 2026 04-06 THIRD READING ZONING ORDINANCE 2026-02 – ARTICLE 7.17, SIGNS

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Brady.

Refer the Zoning Text Amendment, Article 7-17, Signs, back to the Planning Commission for further consideration.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

78 2026 04-06 FIRST READING - ZONING ORDINANCE 2026-03– ARTICLE 7.4 AND 7.13

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the first reading of text amendments to Chapter 7, Article IV Multiple-Family Residential Districts, and Chapter 7, Article XIII Use Requirements to permit Attached Single-Family Residential Dwelling Units by right in the RM-1 and RM-2 Multiple-Family Residential Zoning Districts and schedule the second reading for April 20, 2026.

**CITY OF LAPEER
LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Ordinance #: 2026-03

An ordinance to amend City of Lapeer zoning ordinance by amending Chapter 7 Zoning, Article IV Multiple Family Residential Districts, § 7-4.02 Schedule of Uses and Article XIII Use Requirements, § 7-13.01 Residential uses.

THE CITY OF LAPEER, LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

ARTICLE 1.

That Ordinance § 7-4.02 Schedule of Uses is amended and § 7-13.01(G) Single-family attached dwellings is added to read in their entirety as follows:

Art. IV Multiple Family Residential Districts

§ 7-4.02 Schedule of uses.

Buildings or land shall be not used and buildings shall not be erected except for one or more of the following specified uses, unless otherwise provided for in this chapter. Land and/or buildings in the districts indicated at the top of Table 7.04.1 may be used for the purposes denoted by the following abbreviations:

Key:

Permitted Use (P): Land and/or buildings in this district may be used for the purposes listed by right.

Special Land Use (SLU): Uses which may be permitted by obtaining special land use approval when all applicable requirements in Article XIII, Use Requirements, and the standards of § 7-19.04, Review standards, are met.

Table 7.01.1: Multiple Family Residential Districts Schedule of Uses			
Use	RM-1	RM-2	Additional Requirements
Residential Uses			
Boarding and renting of rooms	SLU	SLU	7-13.01A
Home occupation	P	P	7-13.01C
Multiple-family dwellings	P	P	7-13.01B
Single-family detached dwellings	P	P	7-13.01B
Single-family attached dwellings	P	P	7-13.01B AND 7-13.01G
Transitional housing	SLU	SLU	7-13.02D

Additional Requirements: Indicates requirements or conditions applicable to the use.

Art. XIII Use Requirements

7-13.01G, Single-family attached dwellings.

- (1) A building containing attached single-family dwellings shall not exceed four (4) dwelling units per structure.
- (2) Each unit shall provide a private outdoor open space of at least 250sq ft.
- (3) A minimum separation distance of twenty-five (25) feet shall be provided between principal buildings containing attached single-family dwellings.
- (4) Where the primary facades of two building face one another, the minimum separation shall be fifty (50) feet.
 - a. When there is a street planned between two primary facades which face one another, the minimum separation distance shall be one hundred (100) feet.
- (5) The maximum building height shall comply with the height regulations of the zoning district in which the parcel is located in. See table 7.03.2 Single-Family Residential Districts: Schedule of Area, Height, and Placement Requirements.

ARTICLE 2. SEVERABILITY

This ordinance and its various articles, paragraphs and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any article, paragraph or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this amendatory ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE 3. CONFLICT

All ordinances and provisions of ordinances of the City of Lapeer in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 4. ADOPTION

This amendatory ordinance shall be published as required by law and shall take effect after publication.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

79 2026 04-06 DOWNTOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSES

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the nine (9) Downtown Right-of-Way Licenses, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, McCarthy, Petrie.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

80 2026 04-06 BODMAN PLC – ATTORNEY BILLING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

To postpone the Bodman bill until April 20, 2026, request Bodman attend the April 20, 2026, meeting to update the commission as a whole, and possibly go into closed session for attorney client privilege.

Commissioner Brady raised a point of order, citing Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised (§ 42:18). Mayor Hing ruled in favor of the point of order.

Commissioner Brady raised a point of order, citing the Rules and Procedures of the City Commission (§ D-6). Mayor Hing ruled the point of order not sustained because no citable authority found.

Appeal the Decision:

Motion by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

Appeal the decision of the chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Brady,

Nays: Glisman, McCarthy, Petrie.

MOTION FAILED 2-3.

Call to Question:

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Glisman.

Called the question.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Vote on main motion:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Brady.

Nays: Glisman, McCarthy, Petrie.

MOTION FAILED 2-3.

81 2026 04-06 BODMAN PLC – ATTORNEY BILLING

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Glisman.

To approve the Bodman PLC Attorney Billing, Labor Misc. in the amount of \$776.26, and authorize the finance director to process payment.

Commissioner Brady raised a point of order. Mayor Hing ruled the point of order not sustained because no citable authority was given by the maker of the point of order that can be sustained, and the presiding officer had discovered within the Rules and Procedures of the City Commission a rule that we are well past our time of 30 minutes on a single agenda item.

Commissioner Brady requested to be excused from this vote with unanimous consent, stating he has not been provided information or given an opportunity to ask questions.

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

Nays: None.

Vote on main motion:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Glisman, McCarthy, Petrie.

Nays: Atwood.

Abstain: Brady.

MOTION CARRIED 3-1-1.

82 2026 04-06 HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the ROWE proposal in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

Commissioner Brady raised a point of order. Mayor Hing sustained the point of order on the authority of the Rules and Procedures of the City Commission (§ D-6). When addressing other members of the commission they should be addressed by title and last name, but not first name.

During discussion Mayor Hing indicated that Commissioner Atwood was speaking out of order.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Brady, Glisman, Atwood.

Nays: McCarthy, Petrie.

MOTION CARRIED 3-2.

83 2026 04-06 SPECIAL EVENT: HISTORICAL FARMERS MARKET

Moved by McCarthy. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the Special Event: Historic Farmers Market of Lapeer, Wednesdays and Saturdays, May 9 to October 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Historic Courthouse Square; working with staff for the dates of June 20, 2026, and July 4, 2026.

Commissioner Brady raised a point of order. Mayor Hing sustained the point of order on the authority of the Rules and Procedures of the City Commission (§ D-6).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

84 2026 04-06 SPECIAL EVENT: FOOD TRUCK FEST

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the Special Event: Lapeer Chamber of Commerce, Food Truck Fest, May 11, June 8, July 13, September 14, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Annrook Park and Parking Lot #5.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: McCarthy, Petrie, Atwood, Glisman.

Nays: Brady.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

85 2026 04-06 SPECIAL EVENT: FRIDAY NIGHT BIKES

Moved by McCarthy. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the Special Event: Steel Patriots, Friday Night Bikes, May 29, June 5, June 12, June 19, July 24, July 31, August 7, August 14, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Downtown Lapeer.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood.

Nays: Petrie, Brady, Glisman, McCarthy.

MOTION FAILED 1-4.

86 2026 04-06 SPECIAL EVENT: FRIDAY NIGHT BIKES

Moved by Brady. Seconded by McCarthy .

Approve the Special Event: Steel Patriots, Friday Night Bikes to one event per month, dates of their choice, excluding June 19, 2026, for the months of May-August 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Downtown Lapeer.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Brady, Glisman, McCarthy, Petrie.

Nays: Atwood.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack commented that he would like direction from the Commission on limitation on residential rental saturation, imposing a moratorium on permitting data centers and energy-intensive infrastructure projects.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**87 2026 04-06 RE-APPOINTMENT – LAPEER HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS
- R. CHESNUTT**

Moved by McCarthy. Seconded by Glisman.

To confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Robin Chesnutt to the Housing Board of Appeals for a term to expire May 1, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**88 2026 04-06 RE-APPOINTMENT – LAPEER HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS
- K. ROBERTS**

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Glisman.

To confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Kerri Roberts to the Housing Board of Appeals for a term to expire May 1, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

89 2026 04-06 RE-APPOINTMENT – LAPEER HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS
– L. LIE

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Petrie.

To confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Lisa Lie to the Housing Board of Appeals for a term to expire May 1, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

90 2026 04-06 APPOINTMENT – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Moved by McCarthy . Seconded by Glisman.

To appoint Wesley Weber, Jr. to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 1, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Glisman, McCarthy, Petrie.

Nays: Atwood, Brady.

MOTION CARRIED 3-2.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The DDA Departmental monthly report was received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bernadette Treece spoke about traffic island on Genesee.

Andy Shango spoke about the SDRK Group LLC appeal.

Bryan Cloutier spoke about the commission.

Matthew Bierlein, State Representative of District 97, running for Senate Seat District 26.

Ken Kopnick spoke about remarks made during the meeting.

Wes Weber spoke about owner occupancy rates.

Karen Braschayko spoke about the commission.

Bridget Griffith spoke about the tonight's meeting.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor, Commissioners and City Manager made closing remarks.

91 2026 04-06 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Jeramy Hing, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk