



CITY OF IONIA

CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

5:30 PM, Wednesday, March 4, 2026

IONIA CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Milewski called the special meeting of the Ionia City Council to order at 5:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor John Milewski led everyone present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed a Quorum with Councilmembers Tim Lee, Margot Cook, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Mary Patrick, Troy Waterman, Brenda Cowling, and Mayor John Milewski present.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With no changes or additions, Councilmember Starr made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. PUBLIC HEARING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION

(III.1.) Public Hearing regarding proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): FY2027 - FY2032

City Manager Precia Garland presented a summary of the proposed FY2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to City Council. Department heads highlighted important projects included within the CIP and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Milewski opened the public hearing for comments on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan for FY2027-2032 at 6:32 PM.

Logan Bailey (921 W. Fargo St.) commented that he is excited to see all the planned improvements and appreciates the City's efforts. He requested Council to consider the parking needs of downtown because of the level of new private investment and improvements being made.

Mayor Milewski closed the public hearing at 6:34 PM.

Councilmember Millard made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cowling, to approve

Resolution No. 2026-06 to adopt the FY2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tim Lee, Margot Cook, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Mary Patrick, Troy Waterman, Brenda Cowling, John Milewski

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2026-06



A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF IONIA 2027 – 2032 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, held at the Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on the 4th day of March 2026, at 5:30 p.m., there were:

PRESENT: Tim Lee, Margot Cook, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Mary Patrick, Troy Waterman, Brenda Cowling, John Milewski
ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Millard and seconded by Councilmember Cowling:

WHEREAS, a Capital Improvement Plan allows for the planning of projects over a six (6) - year period; and

WHEREAS, a Capital Improvement Project is defined as a project that has a cost in excess of \$5,000 and a useful life greater than one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.10 of the City Charter of the City of Ionia requires the City Manager to annually prepare and submit to the City Council a capital program that includes:

1. A clear general summary of its contents;
2. A list of all capital improvements and other capital expenditures that are proposed to be undertaken during the six (6) fiscal years next ensuing, with appropriate supporting information as to the necessity for each;
3. Cost estimates and recommended time schedules for each improvement or other capital expenditure;
4. The method of financing, upon which each capital expenditure is to be reliant; and
5. The estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining the facilities to be constructed or acquired; and

WHEREAS, as is also required by City Charter of the City of Ionia, a notice of public hearing was published to notify the public of the availability of the draft 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan and to provide an opportunity for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, today's work session meeting was scheduled for the purpose of conducting the required public hearing and providing an in-depth review of the draft 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is required by resolution to adopt the proposed 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan with or without amendment after public hearing; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of Ionia hereby adopts the 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan as presented.
2. The City Council of the City of Ionia hereby directs that the projects contained in the 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan be incorporated into the annual Operating Budget Process, especially regarding projects listed in the first year of the Capital Improvement Plan.
3. The City Council of the City of Ionia hereby directs that the adopted 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan shall be made available upon request in the offices of the Ionia City Hall and also posted on the City of Ionia's website.

RESOLUTION 2026-06 DECLARED ADOPTED.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Cowling made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starr, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan T. Bowman
Ionia City Clerk