



CITY OF IONIA

CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

6:30 PM, Tuesday, April 28, 2026

IONIA CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Milewski called the special meeting of the Ionia City Council to order at 6:30 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, Troy Waterman, Brenda Cowling, and Mayor John Milewski present. Councilmember Mary Patrick was absent.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ACTION

(III.1.) Public Hearing to receive comments on Resolution 2026-08, a resolution adopting a final project planning document for water system improvements and designating an authorized project representative

Mayor Milewski opened the public hearing for comments on Resolution 2026-08 and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund application at 6:31 PM. Tyler DeNooyer from Prein&Newhof presented the Project Planning Documents for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Resolving Fund applications.

Councilmembers asked a few questions related to the cost of the project and anticipated financing.

Following the presentation, there were no comments from the public. Mayor Milewski closed the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

Councilmember Starr made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to approve Resolution 2026-08 to authorize submission of a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund application for the City of Ionia FY2027 Water Services Replacement Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2026-08



A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL PROJECT PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, held at the Ionia City Hall, 114 N. Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on the 28th day of April 2026, at 6:30 p.m., there were:

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

ABSENT: Mary Patrick

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by City Councilmember Starr and was supported by City Councilmember Cook:

WHEREAS, the City of Ionia recognizes the need to make improvements to its existing water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ionia authorized Prein&Newhof to prepare a Project Planning Document, which recommends the replacement of existing water mains and appurtenances, replacement of existing lead/galvanized water services, and improvements to the wellfield security system in the City of Ionia; and

WHEREAS, said Project Planning Document was presented at a Public Hearing on April 28, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. and all public comments have been considered and addressed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ionia formally adopts said Project Planning Document and agrees to implement the selected FY 2027 projects based on the selected

alternatives for those projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, a position currently held by Precia Garland, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Planning Document as the first step in applying to the State of Michigan for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan to assist in the implementation of the selected alternative.

RESOLUTION 2026-08 DECLARED ADOPTED.

(III.2.) Public Hearing to receive comments on Resolution 2026-09, a resolution adopting a final project planning document for wastewater system improvements and designating an authorized project representative

Mayor Milewski opened the public hearing for comments on Resolution 2026-09 and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund application at 7:05 PM. With no comments from the public, Mayor Milewski closed the public hearing at 7:06 PM.

Councilmember Millard made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Winters, to approve Resolution 2026-09 to authorize submission of a Clean Water State Revolving Fund application for the City of Ionia FY2027 Wastewater Services Replacement Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2026-09



COUNTY OF IONIA, MICHIGAN

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL PROJECT PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE

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

ABSENT: Mary Patrick

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by City Councilmember Millard and was

supported by City Councilmember Winters:

WHEREAS, the City of Ionia recognizes the need to make improvements to its existing wastewater collection system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ionia authorized Prein&Newhof to prepare a Project Planning Document, which recommends the replacement of existing sanitary gravity main sewers and appurtenances in the City of Ionia; and

WHEREAS, said Project Planning Document was presented at a Public Hearing on April 28, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. and all public comments have been considered and addressed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ionia formally adopts said Project Planning Document and agrees to implement the selected FY 2027 projects based on the selected alternatives for those projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, a position currently held by Precia Garland, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Planning Document as the first step in applying to the State of Michigan for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan to assist in the implementation of the selected alternative.

RESOLUTION 2026-09 DECLARED ADOPTED.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Garland noted her continued attendance at the M-66 corridor meetings with Mayor Milewski. She mentioned that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has requested a resolution from the Ionia City Council in support of a "road diet" changing the M-66 lane configurations to allow for a traffic light at the M-66 and Riverside Drive intersection.

City Council discussed this idea and reached a consensus to place the item on an upcoming Council agenda for consideration.

V. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Tom Millard: Reminded everyone of the upcoming Caitlin Cusack Concert Fundraiser for the Ionia Theatre scheduled for April 30.

Troy Waterman: Commented on all the recent rain and provided a hopeful sentiment that the Utilities Department is able to catch up at the treatment plant.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan T. Bowman
Ionia City Clerk