



CITY OF IONIA
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
4:30 PM, Wednesday, May 13, 2026
IONIA CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bailey called the meeting of the Ionia Planning Commission to order at 4:30 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Assistant City Manager Bowman announced that Commissioner Jason Perry had submitted a letter of resignation.

Roll call revealed a Quorum with Planning Commissioners Logan Bailey, Michael Donaldson, Keturah Kelley, and Tim Lee present. Commissioners Ryan Gregory and Judy Swartz were absent.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With no changes or additions, Planning Commissioner Lee made a motion, seconded by Planning Commissioner Donaldson, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(IV.1.) April 1, 2026 – Rescheduled Meeting

(IV.2.) April 29, 2026 - Special Meeting

Minutes from the rescheduled meeting of April 1 and special meeting of April 29, were reviewed. Planning Commissioner Kelley made a motion, seconded by Planning Commissioner Lee, to approve the April 1 and April 29, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ACTION

None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

(VIII.1.) Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 1286: Miscellaneous Regulations

Assistant City Manager Bowman introduced an ordinance amendment to Chapter 1286: Miscellaneous Regulations. He explained that the amendment would clarify regulations for Portable Storage Units and Shipping Containers, Camping and Recreational Vehicles, Fencing, and Pools. He highlighted that some of the changes were focused on removing areas of the Code that were handled by other agencies.

Planning Commissioners held a discussion about the proposed changes, asking questions about how certain items would be administered. The Commission primarily discussed the proposed camping section and reached consensus that the changes were acceptable as presented.

Commissioner Lee requested a review of dumpster regulations on residential properties. Commissioner Kelley noted that a potential registration process could track the use of dumpsters without requiring another permit.

Chairperson Bailey made a motion, seconded by Planning Commissioner Kelley, to schedule a public hearing for the next Planning Commission meeting at Ionia City Hall on Wednesday, June 10 at 4:30 PM.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mike Donaldson: Discussed the procedures for public comments and the need to educate members of the public on how to properly utilize staff and the comment period to answer their questions and submit feedback.

Assistant City Manager Bowman: Mentioned changes to notices being sent for public hearing to provide clarification on the public comment procedures.

Logan Bailey: Expressed appreciation to City staff and the Mayor for their efforts to engage the public over the past few years.

Tim Lee: Indicated the importance of the Commission listening to feedback from the public and addressing their concerns after the comment period through the Commission's deliberation.

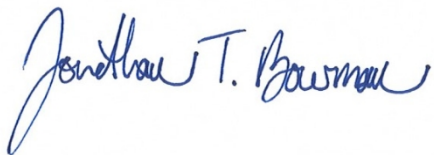
X. ADJOURNMENT

Planning Commissioner Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Planning Commissioner Kelley, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jonathan T. Bowman, Recording Secretary
for Judy Swartz, Secretary