



CITY OF IONIA

CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

5:30 PM, Thursday, May 21, 2026

IONIA CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Milewski called the special meeting of the Ionia City Council to order at 5:31 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Cowling made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starr, to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Tim Lee and Jeff Winters.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

None.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

(IV.1.) Closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Sec. 8 (1)(c) for the purpose of a strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement at the City's request.

Mayor Milewski made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to enter into closed session at 5:33 PM for the purpose of a strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement at the City's request in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Sec. 8 (1)(c).

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Councilmember Cowling left the meeting at 6:41 PM.

Councilmember Cook made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Waterman, to end closed session and reenter open session at 6:57 PM.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan T. Bowman
Ionia City Clerk