

CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
5:30 PM, Wednesday, March 5, 2025
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Milewski called the meeting of the Ionia City Council to order at 5:34 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, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman, and Mayor John Milewski present. Councilmember Tim Lee was absent.

Councilmember Millard made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Winters, to excuse the absence of Councilmember Lee.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

III. PUBLIC HEARING & WORK SESSION

(III.1.) Public Hearing and work session regarding proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): FY2026 - FY2031

Mayor Milewski opened the public hearing for comments on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan for FY2026-2031 at 5:36 PM.

City Manager Precia Garland reviewed the proposed FY2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan in detail.

Mayor Milewski closed the public hearing at 6:24 PM with no comments from members of the public.

Councilmember Starr made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cowling, to approve Resolution 2025-04 to adopt the FY2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2025-04



At a work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, held at the Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on the 5th day of March, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Tim Lee

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Starr and seconded by Council Member Cowling:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF IONIA 2026 – 2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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 2026-2031 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 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is required by resolution to adopt the proposed 2026-2031 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 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan as presented.
2. The City Council of the City of Ionia hereby directs that the projects contained in the 2026-2031 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 2026-2031 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.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tim Lee

RESOLUTION 2025-04 DECLARED ADOPTED.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan T. Bowman
Ionia City Clerk