

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
March 13, 2024
Special Workshop Session Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bailey called the Special Workshop Session Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for March 13, 2024, to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Logan Bailey, Mike Donaldson, Ryan Gregory, Keturah Kelley, Tim Lee, Jason Perry, and Judy Swartz.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Precia Garland, Assistant to the City Manager Jonathan Bowman, Planning Consultant Bradley Kotrba, Tim McAllister of the Daily News, and over twenty community members including City Councilmembers, DDA board members, realtors, mortgage finance officers, and general members of the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Bailey introduced the agenda and asked if there were any requested changes. No changes were requested. It was moved by Commissioner Donaldson and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PRESENTATION – DRAFT RESIDENTIAL ZONING ORDINANCES

Planning Consultant Kotrba and Assistant to the City Manager Bowman presented the drafted residential zoning ordinance that has been discussed with the Planning Commission for many months. The presentation included information from the City's 2021 Housing Study and visuals representing housing options as well as maps indicating nonconformity issues with the City's existing zoning regulations.

Q&A FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the public asked questions about the zoning proposal that were answered by Bowman, Kotrba, Garland, and Planning Commissioners.

DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT RESIDENTIAL ZONING ORDINANCE

Robust discussion was had between the public, City staff, and Commissioners. The public provided input on additional items for the Commission to consider, but attendees appeared to be receptive of the proposal and concepts presented.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Kelley to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Precia Garland, Recording Secretary,
for Judy Swartz, Secretary