

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission & Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
October 21, 2024
Special Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bailey called the Special Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for October 21, 2024, to order at 4:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Logan Bailey, Keturah Kelley, Tim Lee, Jason Perry, and Judy Swartz. Board Members Dan Balice, Melinda Braman, Thomas Dickinson (4:45), Ted Paton, and Mark Vroman.

Absent: Commissioners Mike Donaldson and Ryan Gregory.

Also Present: Mayor John Milewski, Councilmember Jeff Winters, County Commissioner Gordon Kelley, City Manager Precia Garland, Assistant City Manager Jonathan Bowman, and Planning Consultant Bradley Kotrba.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

INTRODUCTION – MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Assistant City Manager Bowman summarized the engagement activities conducted for the Master Plan update which included a pop-up event, community workshop, community survey, open house, and two neighborhood events.

DEERFIELD-RIVERSIDE WORKSHOP SURVEY RESULTS

Planning Consultant Kotrba shared feedback received from the community during the Deerfield-Riverside workshop session. City Manager Garland provided an update on the work that has been completed to initiate redevelopment of the former correctional facility property. The Planning Commission and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority discussed the community feedback and how it aligned with the City’s concept for the site.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Consultant Kotrba presented the results from the Master Plan community survey which was taken by 849 people. The results garnered feedback on downtown, future land use, and other important topics for the Master Plan.

NEXT STEPS

Assistant City Manager Bowman explained how the Planning Commission will use the community engagement results over the next few months to guide discussion on the new Master Plan and help create goals and priorities.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Kelley and seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Bowman, Recording Secretary,
for Judy Swartz, Secretary