



# CITY OF IONIA

## IONIA CITY COUNCIL & IONIA PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT WORK SESSION MINUTES 5:30 PM, April 12, 2023 CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Dan Balice called the joint meeting of the Ionia City Council and Planning Commission to order at 5:39 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call revealed a Quorum with Councilmembers John Milewski, Jeff Winters, Ryan Videtich, Tim Lee, Rich Starr, Tom Millard, Janice Gustafson, Troy Waterman, Planning Commissioners Logan Bailey, Mike Donaldson, Ryan Gregory, Boomer Hoppough, Keturah Kelley, Tim Lee, Judy Swartz, and Mayor Dan Balice present.

### **I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **II. PRESENTATION**

A presentation was given by Bradley Kotrba and Maleah Rakestraw representing the City's Planning Consultant firm, Williams and Works to discuss pre-planning for the upcoming Master Plan update and proposed land reuse concepts for the former Deerfield/Riverside Correctional Facility sites. Comments were also received from Linda Horak, Michigan Land Bank, who expressed the Land Bank's willingness to partner with the City to assist facilitate redevelopment.

Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners asked questions about the housing data and concept plan for Deerfield/Riverside. A robust discussion ensued about community needs and the large opportunity that Ionia has to develop a 164-acre parcel of land to meet those needs. City Manager Garland said that she has already been contacted by developers about their interest in the site and that demolition of the existing structures will occur this year with the money approved by the legislature.

Mayor Balice noted that these opportunities do not come around that often, and he thanked everyone who has been involved throughout the years to prepare the City for this potential development.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Balice adjourned the joint City Council and Planning Commission work session at 6:58 PM.

Submitted by:

Mary Patrick, Ionia City Clerk