



# CITY OF IONIA

**IONIA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
7:00 PM, October 4, 2023  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Deputy Mayor John Milewski called the regular meeting of the Ionia City Council to order at 7:01 PM, and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Roll call revealed a Quorum with Councilmembers Jeff Winters, Tim Lee, Rich Starr, Tom Millard, Janice Gustafson, Troy Waterman, and Deputy Mayor John Milewski present. Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard to excuse the absence of Councilmember Videtich.

### **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lee to excuse the absence of Mayor Dan Balice.

### **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

## **I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Millard made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lee, to approve the agenda as presented.

### **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 6, 2023, Regular Meeting**

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starr, to approve the September 6, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

### **MOTION CARRIED**

## **III. PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS & ASSOCIATED ACTION S**

**(V-1) Ordinance No. 578: Municipal Standards**

Like most municipalities responsible for public infrastructure, the City of Ionia has developed and adopted a document titled, "Municipal Standards," which was last updated in 2010 via Ordinance No.

439. The purpose of Municipal Standards is to establish comprehensive design and construction standards for land development, which are to be used by developers in preparing plans and specifications for all proposed developments in the City of Ionia.

Ordinance No. 578 amends Chapter 204 of the City's codified ordinances to allow this and future editions of the Municipal Standards to be adopted by resolution, which will simplify and streamline the process.

Following the Public Hearing without comments, Councilmember Millard made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Winters, to adopt Ordinance No. 578, amending Chapter 204 - Municipal Standards - of Title Two: General Provisions - of Part Two: Administrative Code, of the City of Ionia Codified Ordinances; and to approve Resolution 2023-19, which in keeping with Ordinance No. 578, would approve the revised 2023 Municipal Standards.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITY OF IONIA  
IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 578**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART TWO, TITLE TWO, CHAPTER 204, SECTIONS:  
204.02 ENTITLED "AMENDMENT OR REVISION;" AND 204.99 ENTITLED  
"PENALTY" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF IONIA**

**The City of Ionia Ordains:**

**Section 1: Amendment**

That Part Two, Title Two, Chapter 204, Sections 204.02 and 204.99 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ionia are amended such that Chapter 204 shall read in its entirety as follows:

**204.01 DEFINITIONS.**

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of the terms "owner" or "developer" or "contractor" when used in this chapter shall mean a natural person, firm, corporation, association, partnership or other entity who proposes subdivision, or other land development and/or Municipal improvements serving the public interest, who may have an ownership interest therein or who may act as agent with respect thereto for an entity having such ownership interest.

**204.02 AMENDMENT OR REVISION.**

Pursuant to Sec. 204.03, from this time on, the most recent amended or revised version of the City of Ionia Municipal Standards reviewed and formally approved by the City Council via resolution or motion is adopted by reference and controls. A resolution or the official City Council meeting minutes that reflects a formal approval via motion shall

be retained by and kept on file with the City Clerk in conformance with any applicable general retention schedules. Notwithstanding the expiration of any applicable general retention schedules, the latest controlling resolution or official minutes shall be retained indefinitely until such future amendment or revision action occurs. The most recently approved complete version of the City of Ionia Municipal Standards is hereby published by the City and shall be available at City Hall for public review at no charge and public distribution at a reasonable charge unless otherwise expressly provided in this chapter.

**204.03 MUNICIPAL STANDARDS TO GOVERN.**

The Municipal Standards shall govern the design and construction of subdivisions and land development, and municipal improvements, and are in addition to existing and future requirements of local zoning ordinances, subdivision control ordinances and State Land Division Act, Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1967, as amended, and other applicable State and local ordinances, codes and regulations governing residential and commercial developments and Municipal improvements.

**204.04 STANDARDS TO BE FOLLOWED.**

Every person who shall as owner, developer, or contractor with respect to land situated within the City proposed to design and/or undertake land subdivision, or land development, or who may make, alter, repair or affect Municipal property or systems serving the public interest within the City, shall obtain a copy of the Municipal Standards and shall follow all standards therein appropriate to such design, development or other such project. Whenever the Municipal Standards shall refer to other officially recognized detailed technical codes, such codes shall be followed by the owner, developer, and/or contractor in the context set forth therein. The City shall make available for sale to the owner, developer or contractor a copy of such other codes upon request.

**204.05 FEES AND CHARGES.**

The owner, developer, or contractor shall deposit with the City Treasurer amounts sufficient to cover the expenses set forth in the Municipal Standards Booklet for construction plan review and construction administration and inspection.

**204.99 PENALTY.**

A person who violates any provision of this chapter is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to the payment of a fine as set forth in Section 202.99 and such other relief as may be authorized by law. Repeat offenses under this chapter shall be subject to increased fines as set forth in Section 202.99.

**Section 2: Repealer**

That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 3: Publication and Effective Date**

The City Clerk shall cause a notice of adoption of this ordinance to be published. This ordinance shall take effect upon its, or a summary thereof as permitted by law, publication in the *Daily News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City unless otherwise provided by law.

**ORDINANCE No. 578 DECLARED ADOPTED**

**CITY OF IONIA  
COUNTY OF IONIA, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, held at the Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on the 4th day of October, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.,

PRESENT: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, Deputy Mayor Milewski  
ABSENT: Videtich, Mayor Balice

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Millard and seconded by Council Member Winters.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2023 CITY OF IONIA MUNICIPAL STANDARDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ionia has developed design and construction standards for land development to be used by private developers when preparing drawings and specifications for all proposed development within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, due to changes in construction methodologies and best practices, it is necessary from time to time to review these standards and approve an update; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ionia last updated its Municipal Standards in 2010;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Ionia, Michigan does hereby adopt the 2023 Municipal Standards in accordance with Section 204.02 AMENDMENT OR REVISION of Part Two, Title Two, Chapter 204, as amended, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ionia:

YEAS: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, Deputy Mayor Milewski  
NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-19 DECLARED APPROVED**

**(V-2) Wager Place Alley Vacation**

A curb cut permit application was received from Radgeline Scheidt, who owns property at 3 Wager Place, to add a second driveway on the south side of her home to park an additional vehicle. Staff had concerns that this driveway may encroach the public alley due to the proximity of the house to the property line. Discussion with Ms. Scheidt also brought to the City's attention that the home at 3 Wager Place is 2.2 feet on the public alley located on the south side of the home. This is shown in the survey provided by Ms. Scheidt. Ms. Scheidt has requested the City consider vacating both platted, but never developed, alleys adjacent to the north and south of her property.

The City would retain easement rights for utilities along these alleyways, but once vacated, the land would be equally divided to all adjacent lots including 3 Wager Place. The additional property received by 3 Wager Place would correct the issue of a portion of this home not being fully located on its lot.

Two City residents commented during the Public Hearing:



- A resident in the neighborhood said that he thought the open area belonged to him. He also asked if the property taxes would go up as a result. They will not.
- Radgeline Scheidt said she has always maintained the subject property, and wishes to continue mowing and trimming since it keeps mosquitos away.

Following the Public Hearing, Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starr, to approve Resolution 2023-18, which would vacate the alleys located on Wager Place and divide the land among adjacent property owners.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITY OF IONIA  
(RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18)**

**A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON A PLATTED  
16.5 FOOT-WIDE ALLEY AND A 12 FOOT-WIDE ALLEY WITHIN  
THE PLAT OF SUPERVISOR TAYLOR’S 2ND ADDITION  
TO THE CITY OF IONIA**

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by City Council Member Winters and was supported by City Council Member Starr:

**RECITALS**

- A. The City has received a request from the property owner with a street address of 3 Wager Place, Ionia, Michigan (P.P. No. 204-210-000-190-00) to vacate both a 16.5-foot-wide public alley and a 12.00-foot-wide alley (the “Public Alleys”) as shown on the plat of Supervisor Taylor’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition to the City of Ionia, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plat, page 80, with the Ionia County Register of Deeds. The Public Alleys are described and depicted on the attached Exhibit A.
- B. The Public Alleys are no longer required as public streets or alleys and have not been improved as such, and the City does not reasonably anticipate the Public Alleys being used as public alleys or rights-of-way in the future.
- C. The City Council finds it is necessary for the health, welfare, comfort, and safety of the people of the City to discontinue the Public Alleys and the vacation of the Public Alleys will not interfere with travel within the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the Public Alleys are hereby vacated and abandoned by the City of Ionia as public alleys and rights-of-way and shall be removed from any City street system conditioned on the following matters set forth in this Resolution.
- 2. Any party, on behalf of themselves and their successors, heirs, and assigns, intending or desiring to rely upon this Resolution, in any manner, including as part of an action seeking a court order under the Michigan Land Division Act, Public Act No. 591 of 1996, MCL 560.101 et seq., must agree to assume the risk that this Resolution may be declared invalid or insufficient to vacate a public alley or right-of-way under Michigan law.

3. For all purposes at law or in equity, it is an express condition of the City Council’s adoption of this Resolution that the City makes no representations of any kind or manner as to the legal effect of this Resolution. Any party intending or desiring to rely upon this Resolution, in any manner, including as part of an action seeking a court order vacating the Public Alleys, does so at their own risk.
4. The City reserves a perpetual and permanent easement above, across, under, and through the area previously comprising the Public Alleys for the construction, installation, maintenance, repair, replacement, improvement, use, and operation of public utility facilities and appurtenances including the rights of access, ingress, and egress.
5. The vacation of the Public Alleys is found to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City.
6. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to record a copy of this Resolution within 30 days of its adoption with the Ionia County Register of Deeds and to file a certified copy with the Director of the State of Michigan’s Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, now the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).
7. The Mayor and City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, are authorized and directed to take any steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.
8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflicts, repealed.
9. Pursuant to Section 256 of the Michigan Land Division Act, this Resolution shall have no effect until recorded with the Ionia County Register of Deeds.

AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, Deputy Mayor Milewsk

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Videtich, Mayor Balice

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18 DECLARED ADOPTED**

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **(VI-1) Request from Ionia County Career Center (ICCC) for Retired Law Enforcement Vehicle**

The ICCC has requested to acquire a retired City of Ionia law enforcement vehicle to benefit the Center’s criminal justice program. ICCC Principal Ted Paton spoke about the proposed partnership with Public Safety. He said the ability to use the equipment and actual vehicle is a “game-changer” for students interested in a criminal justice career path. He added that Mr. Denny Ferguson, retired policeman and native Ionian, has breathed new life into the program. Council reviewed a Letter of Understanding outlining the basic terms under which the request could be granted. Council members expressed support for the mutually beneficial partnership idea and the resulting benefits to area students.

Councilmember Starr made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Winters, to approve the Public Safety Partnership Letter of Understanding between the Ionia County Intermediate School District (ICISD) and the City of Ionia, and further authorize the city manager to execute on its behalf.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(VI-2) Application for Autumn Celebration/Chili Dawg Challenge with Mobile Food Vending Units - October 26, 2023**

Council reviewed an application submitted by Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce for the Autumn Celebration/Chili Dawg Challenge to be held on October 26, 2023. The application requests closure of Main Street within the Central Business District, plus sections of Depot and Steele Streets from 1 PM to 8:30 PM, to accommodate various activities and three mobile food vending units (food trucks) as part of the event. City Code requires that any food truck proposing to operate on public land or public right-of-way must first receive a special event food vending permit approved by the City Council.

Councilmember Millard made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lee, to approve the application for street closure with mobile food vending units, for October 26, 2023 in conjunction with the Autumn Celebration/Chili Dawg Challenge event, contingent upon final staff approval.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**(VII-1) Amended Memorandum of Understanding regarding DDA Director Services**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was first approved in 2021 between the Ionia Free Fair Association (IFFA) and City of Ionia regarding services from the City's DDA Director to assist the IFF in securing event sponsorships. The terms of the proposed agreement were recently reviewed prior to its automatic renewal on December 1, 2023, for another year. A proposed, amended copy was reviewed by Council which proposes 15 hours per week (previously 10 hours per week), on average, of the DDA Director's time be allocated. This change will better reflect actual time worked providing professional sponsorship solicitation and marketing services to the IFF, which garnered \$166,000 in sponsorships this year. In exchange, the IFFA agrees to pay the City \$30,000 annually (increased from \$20,000), as well as reimburse any direct costs related to the services. All other terms of the original MOU would remain the same. The DDA Director will continue to spend the remaining hours of her work week performing downtown development activities.

Councilmember Millard made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gustafson, to approve the amended MOU Related to City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director with the Ionia Free Fair Association.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(VII-2) Letter of Intent (LOI) for EPIC Funding Navigator and Technical Assistance**



The City of Ionia has been approached by the Environmental Policy Innovation Center (EPIC), a nonprofit organization located in Washington DC that specializes in providing free technical assistance to low to moderate income communities that may qualify for Clean Water and/or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) through the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE.) Applying for SRF funds requires a complicated analysis and application process, but could prove beneficial to the City, as many SRF awards currently include a grant component.

Council reviewed a Letter of Intent (LOI) detailing the process that would be followed on behalf of the City of Ionia by the EPIC Funding Navigator team. The city could benefit from additional services and expertise that leads to a completed SRF application for future water and/or sewer infrastructure. If

successful, such an application would defray utility rates paid by city residents. The term of the LOI is one year from date of execution and does not obligate the City financially or regarding additional technical services.

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to approve the Letter of Intent for EPIC Funding Navigator and Technical Assistance and further authorize the city manager to execute on its behalf.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(VII-3) City of Ionia General Policy Manual - Section 1 Finance Update**

The Ionia City Council has established a General Policy Manual that governs the operations of the City, and is composed of six policy sections: 1. Finance; 2. Public Works; 3. Human Resources & Safety; 4. Community Development; 5. Miscellaneous; 6. Assessing.

Staff has performed a comprehensive review and revision of the General Policy Manual, section by section and presented the proposed, revised policies of Section 1 - Finance to Council for review. To summarize, Section 1 is proposed to be revised as follows:

| Old - Finance Policy   | New - Finance Policy (October 4, 2023)      |
|--|---|
| 1-001: Budget Policy   | 1-001: Budget Policy                        |
| 1-002: Federal Awards Administration Policy                    | 1-002: Federal Awards Administration Policy |
| 1-003: Credit Card Payment Policy                              | 1-013: Credit Card Payment Policy           |
| 1-004: Goals and Objectives; Mission, Vision, Values; Projects | 1-004: Debt Policy                          |
| 1-005: Budget-Project Oversight Policy                         | Deleted                                     |
| 1-006: Bid Process and Management                              | 1-007: Purchasing Goods and Services        |
| 1-007: Industrial Facilities Tax Abatements                    | Moving to 4-006 (Community Development)     |
| 1-008: Investment Policy                                       | 1-006: Investment Policy                    |
| 1-009: Mailing and Filing Checks                               | Deleted                                     |
| 1-010: Insurance Reimbursement Policy                          | Deleted                                     |
| 1-011: Bad Check/Credit Card Policy                            | Deleted                                     |
| 1-012: Property Tax Collection                                 | 1-008: Property Tax Collection              |
| 1-013: Poverty Guidelines                                      | Moving to Section 6 - Assessing             |
| 1-014: Water/Sewer Bill Collection Policy                      | 1-009: Utility Bill Collection Policy       |
| 1-014A: Water/Sewer Bill Collection Policy – Yard Meter        | Deleted                                     |
| 1-015: Purchasing and Budget Adjustment Procedures             | Deleted                                     |
| 1-016: Going Out of Business Sales                             | 1-010: Going Out of Business Sales          |
| 1-018: Finals for Property Closing                             | Deleted                                     |
| 1-019: Fund Raising/Gifts                                      | 1-011: Fund Raising/Gifts                   |
| 1-020: Identity Theft Policy                                   | 1-014: Identity Theft Policy                |
| 1-020A: Board of Review  | Moving to Section 6 - Assessing             |
| 1-021: ACH (Electronic Funds Transfers)                        | 1-012: ACH (Electronic Funds Transfers)     |
| 1-023: Fund Balance Policy                                     | 1-005: Fund Balance Policy                  |
| 1-024: Credit Card Policy                                      | 1-003: Credit Card Policy                   |
| 1-025: Assessing – Auditing Procedures for Exempt Properties   | Moved to Section 6 - Assessing              |
| 1-026: Assessing – Waiver of Property Transfer Affidavit Fees  | Moved to Section 6 - Assessing              |
| 1-027: Assessing – Letter Appeals to the Board of Review       | Moved to Section 6 - Assessing              |

Council reviewed a complete copy of the revised Section 1 - Finance Policies, which showed a number of policies proposed for deletion because they are redundant (already covered in other finance policies) or outdated. The total number of policies will be reduced from 27 to 14. Also reviewed was the revised policy regarding Industrial Facilities Tax Abatements, which was proposed to move to the Community Development Section as Policy #4-006

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starr, to approve the revised Section 1 - Finance, of the City's General Policy Manual as well as revised Policy #4-006, - Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificates.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(VII-4) Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability & Property Pool - Directors Election**

The City of Ionia obtains liability and property insurance through the MML Liability & Property Pool. Annually, representatives of the fund members are elected to the board, which oversees the Pool's operations. This year, three (3) incumbent directors are seeking re-election:

- George Bosanic, City Manager, City of Greenville
- Sue Osborn, Mayor, City of Fenton
- David Post, Village Manager, village of Hillman

Councilmember Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Winters, to cast a ballot for the three director candidates as listed to serve on the MML Liability and Property Pool for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(VII-5) Proposed MML Property & Liability Insurance Renewal-November 1, 2023-October 31, 2024**

The City of Ionia has obtained its property and liability insurance from the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool since 1983. This year's renewal premium is offered at **\$154,394**, an increase of \$16,404 (12%) over last year's rate of \$137,990. There are several reasons for this increase, but the most notable are related to a comprehensive review of city property and associated values, which resulted in the following increases:

- \$5,888,373 increase in total property values
- \$1,542,066 increase in total agreed amount values for automobile schedule
- \$201,558 increase in total values for fire equipment

MML is also offering a post-renewal dividend for renewing Pool members. The City of Ionia's dividend is \$11,990, for a net premium cost of **\$142,404**.

In addition to property and liability insurance, the City of Ionia has Cyber Insurance, which provides protection in the event of a security breach, cyber extortion, or similar hacking

event. MML again obtained quotes on our behalf from Cowbell Cyber, which specializes in such coverage and can offer more competitive rates. Last year the City purchased \$1,000,000 aggregate limit coverage for \$9,788 with a 24- hour waiting period, which applies to loss of business income and extra expense coverages. This year’s premium for the same coverage is \$10,207, an increase over last year’s premium of \$419 (4.3%).

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to approve the MML Property and Liability Insurance renewal proposal of \$154,394 for November 1, 2023 -October 31, 2024, which will net to \$142,404 following renewal and receipt of the membership dividend of \$11,990, and to approve the proposal from Cowbell Cyber for \$1,000,000 in cyber aggregate limit coverage for \$10,207.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(VII-6) FY23-24 Budget Amendment #1**

Most of the revenue and expenditure assumptions made in developing the FY24 budget are still accurate, but three months into the fiscal year, the developing financial trends require a few amendments as follows:

**FY 23-24 Council Budget Adjustment #1**

|                                 |                                 | 23-24<br>Amended<br>Budget | Proposed<br>Amendment<br>#1 | Proposed<br>Budget After<br>Amendment |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Fund: 101<br/>GENERAL</b>    |                                 |                            |                             |                                       |
| 101-000.000-450.000             | LICENSES AND PERMITS            | 67,500                     | (12,500)                    | 55,000                                |
| 101-000.000-528.000             | FEDERAL GRANTS - OTHER          | -                          | 5,900                       | 5,900                                 |
| 101-000.000-688.248             | Other Income - Sesquicentennial | -                          | 2,500                       | 2,500                                 |
| 101-000.000-688.345             | OTHER INCOME - PUBLIC SAFETY    | 17,000                     | 3,000                       | 20,000                                |
| Revenues                        |                                 | 7,113,100                  | (1,100)                     | 7,112,000                             |
| Expenditures                    |                                 | 7,048,770                  | -                           | 7,048,770                             |
| Fund 101 - GENERAL:             |                                 |                            |                             |                                       |
| TOTAL REVENUES                  |                                 | 7,113,100                  |                             | 7,112,000                             |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES              |                                 | 7,048,770                  |                             | 7,048,770                             |
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: |                                 | 64,330                     |                             | 63,230                                |
| BEG. FUND BALANCE               |                                 | 3,188,356                  |                             | 3,188,356                             |

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| END FUND BALANCE | 3,252,686 | 3,251,586 |
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**Fund: 202 MAJOR STREETS**

Account Category: Revenues

|                              |           |       |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 202-000.000-665.000 INTEREST | 350       | 9,650 | 10,000    |
| Revenues                     | 1,047,361 | 9,650 | 1,057,011 |

Account Category: Expenditures

Department: 474.000 TRAFFIC SERVICE

|   |        |       |        |
|---|--------|-------|--------|
| 202-474.000-775.000 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES | 4,000  | 2,000 | 6,000  |
| Total Dept 474.000 - TRAFFIC SERVICE              | 31,000 | 2,000 | 33,000 |

|              |         |       |         |
|--------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Expenditures | 909,500 | 2,000 | 911,500 |
|--------------|---------|-------|---------|

Fund 202 - MAJOR STREETS:

|                                 |           |  |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| TOTAL REVENUES                  | 1,047,361 |  | 1,057,011 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES              | 909,500   |  | 911,500   |
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | 137,861   |  | 145,511   |
| BEG. FUND BALANCE               | 588,166   |  | 588,166   |
| END FUND BALANCE                | 726,027   |  | 733,677   |

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**Fund: 203 LOCAL STREETS**

Account Category: Revenues

|                              |         |       |         |
|------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| 203-000.000-665.000 INTEREST | 300     | 7,200 | 7,500   |
| Revenues                     | 663,717 | 7,200 | 670,917 |

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|--------------|---------|---|---------|
| Expenditures | 510,500 | - | 510,500 |
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Fund 203 - LOCAL STREETS:

|                                 |         |  |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|--|---------|
| TOTAL REVENUES                  | 663,717 |  | 670,917 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES              | 510,500 |  | 510,500 |
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | 153,217 |  | 160,417 |
| BEG. FUND BALANCE               | 520,689 |  | 520,689 |
| END FUND BALANCE                | 673,906 |  | 681,106 |

**Fund: 205 PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE FUND**

Account Category: Revenues

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| Revenues | 150,150 | - | 150,150 |
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Account Category: Expenditures

Department: 558.000 ADMINISTRATIVE

205-558.000-981.100 CAPITAL OUTLAY - FIRE  
VEHICLES

|         |          |         |
|---------|----------|---------|
| 375,000 | (65,000) | 310,000 |
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Total Dept 558.000 - ADMINISTRATIVE

|         |          |         |
|---------|----------|---------|
| 375,000 | (65,000) | 310,000 |
|---------|----------|---------|

Expenditures

|         |          |         |
|---------|----------|---------|
| 375,000 | (65,000) | 310,000 |
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Fund 205 - PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE FUND:

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| TOTAL REVENUES | 150,150 | 150,150 |
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| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 375,000 | 310,000 |
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| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | (224,850) | (159,850) |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|

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|-------------------|---------|---------|
| BEG. FUND BALANCE | 295,494 | 295,494 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|

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| END FUND BALANCE | 70,644 | 135,644 |
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**Fund: 228 SOLID WASTE FUND**

Account Category: Revenues

|                              |     |       |       |
|------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| 228-000.000-665.000 INTEREST | 150 | 4,850 | 5,000 |
|------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|

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|----------|---------|-------|---------|
| Revenues | 635,150 | 4,850 | 640,000 |
|----------|---------|-------|---------|

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|--------------|---------|---|---------|
| Expenditures | 609,100 | - | 609,100 |
|--------------|---------|---|---------|

Fund 228 - SOLID WASTE FUND:

|                |         |         |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| TOTAL REVENUES | 635,150 | 640,000 |
|----------------|---------|---------|

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|--------------------|---------|---------|
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 609,100 | 609,100 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|

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|---------------------------------|--------|--------|
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | 26,050 | 30,900 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|

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|-------------------|---------|---------|
| BEG. FUND BALANCE | 257,142 | 257,142 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|

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| END FUND BALANCE | 283,192 | 288,042 |
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**Fund: 239 PARKS - FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

Account Category: Revenues

|                              |     |        |        |
|------------------------------|-----|--------|--------|
| 239-000.000-665.000 INTEREST | 350 | 11,650 | 12,000 |
|------------------------------|-----|--------|--------|

|   |                                   |           |          |           |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Revenues  |                                   | 1,019,350 | 11,650   | 1,031,000 |
| Account Category: Expenditures                    |                                   |           |          |           |
| Department: 545.500 RIVERTRAIL/RAILTRAIL LINKAGE  |                                   |           |          |           |
| 239-545.500-801.000                               | CONTRACTUAL &<br>PROFESSIONAL SEV | 550,000   | (25,000) | 525,000   |
| 239-545.500-805.400                               | ARCHITECTURAL-ENGINEERING         | 55,000    | (30,000) | 25,000    |
| Total Dept 545.500 - RIVERTRAIL/RAILTRAIL LINKAGE |                                   | 605,000   | (55,000) | 550,000   |
| Department: 545.730 Hale Park                     |                                   |           |          |           |
| 239-545.730-805.400                               | ARCHITECTURAL-ENGINEERING         | -         | 65,000   | 65,000    |
| Total Dept 545.730 - Hale Park                    |                                   | 20,000    | 65,000   | 85,000    |
| Expenditures                                      |                                   | 1,150,000 | 10,000   | 1,160,000 |
| Fund 239 - PARKS - FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS:       |                                   |           |          |           |
| TOTAL REVENUES                                    |                                   | 1,019,350 |          | 1,031,000 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES                                |                                   | 1,150,000 |          | 1,160,000 |
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES:                   |                                   | (130,650) |          | (129,000) |
| BEG. FUND BALANCE                                 |                                   | 693,332   |          | 693,332   |
| END FUND BALANCE                                  |                                   | 562,682   |          | 564,332   |
| <hr/>   |                                   |           |          |           |
| <b>Fund: 248 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT OPERATING</b>   |                                   |           |          |           |
| Account Category: Revenues                        |                                   |           |          |           |
| 248-000.000-665.000                               | INTEREST                          | -         | 750      | 750       |
| 248-000.000-676.002                               | Reimbursement for IFF Agreeemnt   | 5,000     | 22,500   | 27,500    |
| Revenues  |                                   | 313,400   | 23,250   | 336,650   |
| Expenditures                                      |                                   | 289,500   | -        | 289,500   |
| Fund 248 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT OPERATING:        |                                   |           |          |           |
| TOTAL REVENUES                                    |                                   | 313,400   |          | 336,650   |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES                                |                                   | 289,500   |          | 289,500   |
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES:                   |                                   | 23,900    |          | 47,150    |

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|-------------------|--------|--------|
| BEG. FUND BALANCE | 6,798  | 6,798  |
| END FUND BALANCE  | 30,698 | 53,948 |

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**Fund: 249 RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Account Category: Revenues

|                     |                                   |         |     |         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-----|---------|
| 249-000.000-665.000 | INTEREST                          | 60      | 440 | 500     |
| 249-000.000-674.000 | ARMORY-<br>LEASES:ROOMS,FLOORS    | 5,000   |     |         |
| 249-000.000-675.000 | GIFTS DONATIONS                   | 1,000   |     |         |
| 249-000.000-688.000 | OTHER REVENUE                     | 1,500   |     |         |
| 249-000.000-699.101 | CONTRIBUTIONS FROM<br>GENERAL FUN | 375,000 |     |         |
|                     | Revenues                          | 486,860 | 440 | 487,300 |

Account Category: Expenditures

Department: 755.000 ARMORY

|                     |                             |         |       |         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| 249-755.000-702.000 | SALARY & WAGES              | 1,500   | 7,000 | 8,500   |
|                     | Total Dept 755.000 - ARMORY | 32,600  | 7,000 | 39,600  |
|                     | Expenditures                | 497,000 | 7,000 | 504,000 |

Fund 249 - RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| TOTAL REVENUES                  | 486,860  | 487,300  |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES              | 497,000  | 504,000  |
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | (10,140) | (16,700) |
| BEG. FUND BALANCE               | 39,215   | 39,215   |
| END FUND BALANCE                | 29,075   | 22,515   |

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**Fund: 250 THEATRE FUND**

Account Category: Revenues

|                     |              |         |     |         |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|-----|---------|
| 250-000.000-665.000 | INTEREST     | 100     | 650 | 750     |
|                     | Revenues     | 196,600 | 650 | 197,250 |
|                     | Expenditures | 283,200 | -   | 283,200 |

Fund 250 - THEATRE FUND:



|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| TOTAL REVENUES                  | 196,600  | 197,250  |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES              | 283,200  | 283,200  |
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | (86,600) | (85,950) |
| BEG. FUND BALANCE               | 496,024  | 496,024  |
| END FUND BALANCE                | 409,424  | 410,074  |

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**Fund: 588 DIAL-A-RIDE**

Account Category: Revenues

|                     |                                |           |         |           |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| 588-000.000-569.400 | STATE GRANT - COA              | 25,178    | 60,567  | 85,745    |
| 588-000.000-665.000 | INTEREST                       | 900       | 6,600   | 7,500     |
| 588-000.000-688.000 | OTHER REVENUE                  | -         |         |           |
| 588-000.000-688.588 | Other Revenue - Power My Fleet | -         | 108,000 | 108,000   |
| Revenues            |                                | 1,255,658 | 175,167 | 1,430,825 |

Account Category: Expenditures

Department: 558.000 ADMINISTRATIVE

|                                     |                              |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 588-558.000-816.000                 | COMMUNICATION TOWER EXPENSES | 8,000   | 6,000   | 14,000  |
| 588-558.000-980.000                 | CAPITAL OUTLAY               | -       | 115,000 | 115,000 |
| Total Dept 558.000 - ADMINISTRATIVE |                              | 380,256 | 121,000 | 501,256 |

Department: 564.000 MAINTENANCE

|                                  |                              |        |       |        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| 588-564.000-930.000              | VEHICLE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | 15,000 | 7,000 | 22,000 |
| Total Dept 564.000 - MAINTENANCE |                              | 34,000 | 7,000 | 41,000 |

Department: 570.000 STATE GRANTS

|                                   |           |         |        |         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| 588-570.000-807.400               | COA GRANT | 25,178  | 60,567 | 85,745  |
| Total Dept 570.000 - STATE GRANTS |           | 478,178 | 60,567 | 538,745 |

|              |           |         |           |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Expenditures | 1,371,334 | 188,567 | 1,559,901 |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-----------|

Fund 588 - DIAL-A-RIDE:

|                    |           |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| TOTAL REVENUES     | 1,255,658 | 1,430,825 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 1,371,334 | 1,559,901 |

|                                 |           |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | (115,676) | (129,076) |
| BEG. FUND                       |           |           |
| BALANCE                         | 1,118,175 | 1,118,175 |
| END FUND                        |           |           |
| BALANCE                         | 1,002,499 | 989,099   |

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**Fund: 590 SEWER DEPT.**

Account Category: Revenues

|                         |          |           |        |           |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 590-000.000-665.000     | INTEREST | 4,000     | 41,000 | 45,000    |
| <hr/>                   |          |           |        |           |
| Revenues                |          | 3,556,000 | 41,000 | 3,597,000 |
| Expenditures            |          | 4,332,540 | -      | 4,332,540 |
| <hr/>                   |          |           |        |           |
| Fund 590 - SEWER DEPT.: |          |           |        |           |
| TOTAL REVENUES          |          | 3,556,000 |        | 3,597,000 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES      |          | 4,332,540 |        | 4,332,540 |

|                                 |            |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | (776,540)  | (735,540)  |
| BEG. FUND                       |            |            |
| BALANCE                         | 12,706,922 | 12,706,922 |
| END FUND                        |            |            |
| BALANCE                         | 11,930,382 | 11,971,382 |

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**Fund: 591 WATER DEPT.**

Account Category: Revenues

|                     |               |           |        |           |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 591-000.000-665.000 | INTEREST      | -         | 10,000 | 10,000    |
| 591-000.000-688.000 | OTHER REVENUE | 10,000    | 5,000  | 15,000    |
| <hr/>               |               |           |        |           |
| Revenues            |               | 2,970,000 | 15,000 | 2,985,000 |

Account Category: Expenditures

Department: 561.000 WATER SOURCE

|                     |                                   |         |         |         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 591-561.000-801.000 | CONTRACTUAL &<br>PROFESSIONAL SEV | 260,000 | 125,000 | 385,000 |
| <hr/>               |                                   |         |         |         |

|                                   |  |         |         |         |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Dept 561.000 - WATER SOURCE |  | 600,500 | 125,000 | 725,500 |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|

|              |  |           |         |           |
|--------------|--|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Expenditures |  | 3,107,818 | 125,000 | 3,232,818 |
| <hr/>        |  |           |         |           |

Fund 591 - WATER DEPT.:

|                    |  |           |  |           |
|--------------------|--|-----------|--|-----------|
| TOTAL REVENUES     |  | 2,970,000 |  | 2,985,000 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES |  | 3,107,818 |  | 3,232,818 |

|                                 |           |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | (137,818) | (247,818) |
| BEG. FUND                       |           |           |
| BALANCE                         | 9,115,677 | 9,115,677 |
| END FUND                        |           |           |
| BALANCE                         | 8,977,859 | 8,867,859 |

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**Fund: 598 IONIA REGIONAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

Account Category: Revenues

|  |                                 |           |        |           |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 598-000.000-665.000                            | INTEREST                        | 1,500     | 18,500 | 20,000    |
|  | Revenues                        | 2,401,500 | 18,500 | 2,420,000 |
|  | Expenditures                    | 3,229,500 | -      | 3,229,500 |
| <hr/>  |                                 |           |        |           |
| Fund 598 - IONIA REGIONAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY: |                                 |           |        |           |
|  | TOTAL REVENUES                  | 2,401,500 |        | 2,420,000 |
|  | TOTAL EXPENDITURES              | 3,229,500 |        | 3,229,500 |
| <hr/>  |                                 |           |        |           |
|  | NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | (828,000) |        | (809,500) |
|  | BEG. FUND                       |           |        |           |
|  | BALANCE                         | 9,499,154 |        | 9,499,154 |
|  | END FUND                        |           |        |           |
|  | BALANCE                         | 8,671,154 |        | 8,689,654 |

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**Fund: 661 CENTRAL GARAGE**

Account Category: Revenues

|                     |          |         |       |         |
|---------------------|----------|---------|-------|---------|
| 661-000.000-665.000 | INTEREST | 150     | 3,850 | 4,000   |
|                     | Revenues | 502,650 | 3,850 | 506,500 |

Account Category: Expenditures

Department: 442.000 OPERATIONS

|                     |                                 |         |       |         |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| 661-442.000-850.000 | COMMUNICATIONS                  | 5,000   | 2,500 | 7,500   |
|                     | Total Dept 442.000 - OPERATIONS | 338,000 | 2,500 | 340,500 |
|                     | Expenditures                    | 572,950 | 2,500 | 575,450 |

Fund 661 - CENTRAL GARAGE:

|       |                                 |          |  |          |
|-------|---------------------------------|----------|--|----------|
|       | TOTAL REVENUES                  | 502,650  |  | 506,500  |
|       | TOTAL EXPENDITURES              | 572,950  |  | 575,450  |
| <hr/> |                                 |          |  |          |
|       | NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES: | (70,300) |  | (68,950) |

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| BEG. FUND |           |           |
| BALANCE   | 1,180,968 | 1,180,968 |
| END FUND  |           |           |
| BALANCE   | 1,110,668 | 1,112,018 |

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to approve Budget Amendment #1 to the FY24 budget, which includes the General Fund and multiple special funds as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(VII-7) Dial-A-Ride Entry Door Replacement Project Bid Award**

Plans and specifications were recently prepared by our engineering firm of record, Fishbeck, to replace steel entry doors for the Dial-A-Ride facility leading into the housing bay and maintenance bay. There is a total of four doors with some minor brick work around them.

Councilmember Lee made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Winters, to approve the proposal from Central Michigan Building Services of Ionia, MI in the amount of \$23,130.00 for the Dial-A-Ride door replacement project.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(VII-8) Purchase of Employee Health Care Insurance**

The City's employee health care insurance is renewed annually at the beginning of the calendar year. For 2024, Priority Health has proposed 4.3% rate increase. This year's costs also reflect an increase of three (3) certificates. It also includes four (4) family certificates on behalf of the Ionia Housing Commission that are fully reimbursed to the City, as well as three City retirees, also fully reimbursed, but who do not receive an HSA

contribution. Year over year rates compare in detail as follows:

| Priority Health - 2023        |                    |              |                      |                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                               | Rate per Month     | Certificates | Total Cert/Mo.       | Annual Rate          |
| Single                        | \$ 438.03          | 7            | \$ 3,066.21          | \$ 36,794.52         |
| Single (65+)                  | \$ 621.90          | 1            | \$ 621.90            | \$ 7,462.80          |
| Two-Person                    | \$ 1,051.27        | 10           | \$ 10,512.70         | \$ 126,152.40        |
| Family                        | \$ 1,314.09        | 24           | \$ 31,538.16         | \$ 378,457.92        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                 | <b>\$ 3,425.29</b> | <b>42</b>    | <b>\$ 45,738.97</b>  | <b>\$ 548,867.64</b> |
| Priority Health - 2024        |                    |              |                      |                      |
|                               | Rate per Month     | Certificates | Total Cert/Mo.       | Annual Rate          |
| Single                        | \$ 456.95          | 7            | \$ 3,198.65          | \$ 38,383.80         |
| Single (65+)                  | \$ 663.12          | 1            | \$ 663.12            | \$ 7,957.44          |
| Two-Person                    | \$ 1,096.68        | 12           | \$ 13,160.16         | \$ 157,921.92        |
| Family                        | \$ 1,370.85        | 25           | \$ 34,271.25         | \$ 411,255.00        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                 | <b>\$ 3,587.60</b> | <b>45</b>    | <b>\$ 51,293.18</b>  | <b>\$ 615,518.16</b> |
| HSA Contribution              |                    |              |                      |                      |
| Single                        | \$ 3,200.00        | 6            | \$ 19,200.00         |                      |
| Two-Person                    | \$ 6,400.00        | 11           | \$ 70,400.00         |                      |
| Family                        | \$ 6,400.00        | 24           | \$ 153,600.00        |                      |
|                               |                    |              | <b>\$ 243,200.00</b> |                      |
|                               |                    |              |                      | <b>Increase YoY</b>  |
| <b>Total Healthcare Spend</b> |                    |              | <b>\$ 858,718.16</b> | <b>\$ 84,850.52</b>  |

An additional structural change occurred to this year’s healthcare plan, mandated by the IRS, for minimum embedded deductibles for high deductible health plans (HDHPs). The minimum deductible was increased to \$3,200 per single/\$6,400 per two person/full family coverage from \$3,000/\$6,000. The City makes an HSA contribution for the full deductible, which led to an overall, year over year gross increase for health plan benefits of \$84,850.52, or 11%.

Assuming that the City continues to elect 80/20 cost share as it has done since 2011 under PA 152, its actual cost for health insurance in 2024 would be as follows:

**\$858,718.16 x 0.80 = \$686,974.53 City/Housing Commission share**

**\$858,718.16 x 0.20 = \$171,743.63 Employee/Emp Housing Commission share**

**\$732,223.60 x 0.80 = \$585,778.88 City only share (excludes HC & retirees)**

**\$732,223.60 x 0.20 = \$146,444.72 City employee only share (excludes HC & retirees)**

Quotes were also obtained for dental and vision insurance coverage. Rates were quoted with no rate increase compared to the prior year for vision (now both holding steady for the past three years). Dental rates increased modestly by 3.4%, the first increase since 2021, as follows:

|                        |                  | 2024-Delta Dental |                    |                     |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                        | Rate per Month   | Certificates      | Total Cert/Mo.     | Annual Rate         |
| Single                 | \$ 39.72         | 8                 | \$ 317.76          | \$ 3,813.12         |
| Two-Person             | \$ 72.91         | 12                | \$ 874.92          | \$ 10,499.04        |
| Family                 | \$ 130.16        | 25                | \$ 3,254.00        | \$ 39,048.00        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>          | <b>\$ 242.79</b> | <b>45</b>         | <b>\$ 4,446.68</b> | <b>\$ 53,360.16</b> |
|                        |                  | 2024-VSP Vision   |                    |                     |
|                        | Rate per Month   | Certificates      | Total Cert/Mo.     | Annual Rate         |
| Single                 | \$ 6.81          | 8                 | \$ 54.48           | \$ 653.76           |
| Two-Person             | \$ 10.39         | 12                | \$ 124.68          | \$ 1,496.16         |
| Family                 | \$ 18.63         | 25                | \$ 465.75          | \$ 5,589.00         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>          | <b>\$ 35.83</b>  | <b>45</b>         | <b>\$ 644.91</b>   | <b>\$ 7,738.92</b>  |
| <b>DENTAL + VISION</b> |                  |                   |                    | <b>\$ 61,099.08</b> |

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to approve the monthly health care, dental and vision insurance rates as proposed by Priority Health, Delta Dental and VSP vision for the 2024 plan year, at the rates detailed above.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(VII-9) PA 152 - Annual Election**

Councilmember Starr made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Winters, to approve Resolution 2023-20, implementing the 80/20 cost share for the healthcare plan year beginning January 1, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2023-20

**CITY OF IONIA  
COUNTY OF IONIA, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, held at the Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on the 4th day of October, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, Deputy Mayor Milewski

ABSENT: Videtich, Mayor Balice

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilmember Starr and seconded by Councilmember Winters.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 80/20 COST SHARING OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011  
PUBLIC ACT 152, THE “PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE  
CONTRIBUTION ACT”**

**WHEREAS**, 2011 Public Act 152 (the “Act”) was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

**WHEREAS**, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

**WHEREAS**, the three options are as follows:

1. Section 3 - “Hard Caps” Option - limits a public employer’s total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
2. Section 4 - “80/20” Option - limits a public employer’s share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
3. Section 8 - “Exemption” Option - a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Ionia has decided to adopt the 80/20 option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City Council of the City of Ionia elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the “Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act”, by adopting the 80/20 option for the medical benefit plan coverage year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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

AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, Deputy Mayor Milewski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Videtich, Mayor Balice

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-20 DECLARED ADOPTED.**



### **(VII-10) Hale Park Design & Engineering Bids**

Earlier this year, the City was approved a Land and Water Conservation Grant by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$382,000 (for a total project cost of \$764,000) to renovate Hale Park. A request for proposals (RFP) regarding the design and engineering services was released on August 10. Proposals were due and opened on Friday, September 15 at 2 PM.

Councilmember Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Winters, to approve the recommendation of staff to award the proposal by MCSA Group in the amount of \$60,016 to provide design and engineering services, along with geotechnical services for the Hale Park Renovation Project and authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement for the same.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **(VII-11) Well #5 Replacement Project**

Routine cleaning was recently completed on Well #5 in the City's middle pressure water supply district. Unfortunately, the cleaning was not successful and demonstrated that Well #5, which was established in 1955, has reached the end of its useful life. There is only one other well within the middle pressure district and for safety and redundancy purposes, it is necessary that we drill a new offset well (5A) to replace well #5.

Councilmember Starr made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Winters, to approve the quote from Peerless Midwest of Ionia in the amount of \$207,253 for installation of Well #5A, to replace Well #5.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **(VII-12) Downtown Speakers Electrical Project - Bid Proposals**

Plans and specifications were recently prepared by Matrix Engineering to modify the electrical service in the downtown light poles as needed to accommodate the new speaker system. Bids were publicly opened on Friday, September 29 at 2 PM.

Additionally, an updated price was sought from AirNextix, of Smyrna, GA, the sole source supplier of the StreetSounds speaker system that was successfully trialed for use in downtown Ionia. As part of the original trial, \$6,352 in test equipment was acquired, which will become part of the system. The remaining system to be purchased includes 34 speakers, a transmitter, a transceiver, two antennae, and two repeaters, plus shipping charges. The total price for the StreetSounds system is \$73,500.

The Downtown Speakers project was included in the CDBG Placemaking Grant that also includes the Ionia Dog Park. A total of \$175,000 was approved for the speaker system, with \$140,000 eligible for grant funding. It was noted that to receive grant reimbursement for the speaker system, the Dog Park must also be completed prior to the end of the grant period.

Councilmember Winters made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to approve the proposal from J. Ranck Electric of Mt. Pleasant, MI in the amount of \$31,048 for the Downtown Speakers Project, as well as the proposal from AirNextix of Smyrna, GA in the amount of \$73,500 for StreetSounds speaker system equipment

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. APPOINTMENTS**

**(VIII-1) Appointment to DDA Board**

Councilmember Milewski made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Millard, to confirm the appointment of Dustin Sommer to the DDA Board for a partial term ending 12/31/24.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Winters, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Milewski

NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IX. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS & MINUTES FROM BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

Reports provided to Council.

**X. CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Precia Garland:** (1) The Ionia Sesquicentennial celebration taking place next weekend is due to a tremendous amount of work by DDA Director Linda Curtis, that includes a video. A list of events can be found at City of Ionia.org.

**Troy Waterman:** (1) Reminder that the Ionia Public Schools millage renewal is on the November 7 ballot.

**Janice Gustafson :** Volunteers from Independent Bank will again participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual “Be The Difference Day” on October 9. They will work on several projects in Ionia.

**Tom Millard:** (1) A very busy weekend is ahead that will include the Sesquicentennial celebration, Apple Festival, and building tours.

**Rich Starr :** For those interested in learning about the local proposals on the November ballot, the insert with the recent water bill is a good place to check.

**Tim Lee:** (1) Thank you to the Sesquicentennial Committee for their work to create so many events.

**John Milewski:** (1) Sesquicentennial Committee has worked hard and done a phenomenal planning job. (2) The next “Thursday on the Bricks” is the last one for the season. (3) November 7 is the election that has proposals and local candidates on the ballot.

**XI. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Waterman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Winters.

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE .** The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Submitted by:

Mary Patrick, Ionia City Clerk

