



CITY OF IONIA
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2019
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Balice called the special meeting of the City Council to order at 7:25 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed that Councilmembers John Milewski, Jeff Winters, Ted Paton, Kim Patrick, Tom Millard, Janice Gustafson, Troy Waterman and Mayor Balice present. Councilmember Gordon Kelley was present via telephone throughout the entirety of the meeting.

DISCUSSION

The City Manager stated that there is a potential opportunity of the reuse of Deerfield Correctional Facility. In 2018, the State determined that approximately 50 acres of land at the former Deerfield Correctional Facility would be transferred to the Michigan Land Bank. Immigrations Centers of America (ICA) was the sole bidder of the property and submitted a proposal to the Land Bank in anticipation of building an immigration detention facility. Dennis Muchmore, a consultant of ICA, along with Duane Ragsdale, COO of ICA, and Jeffrey Crawford, Operations Officer and Facility Manager of ICA's Farmville, VA facility presented information and answered questions pertaining to the proposed facility.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Paton to adjourn the special meeting at 9:15 pm.

By Voice Vote: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Ally H. Cook, Clerk