

**CITY OF IONIA**  
**Planning Commission**  
**March 8, 2017**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

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- CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for March 8, 2017 was called to order by Chairperson Tim Lee at 4:30 PM.
- ROLL CALL Roll Call revealed Commissioners Dave Cook, Boomer Hoppough, Gordon Kelley, Tim Lee, and Chris Young present. Commissioner Mark Jennings was excused.
- City Manager Jason Eppler, and District Library Director Dale Parus were also present. Public present included Olivia Lee.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairperson Lee reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Hoppough, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the agenda for the March 8, 2017 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Hoppough, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS None.
- OLD BUSINESS Library Street Reconstruction – Parking Configuration: The City Manager reported that the Ionia County Board of Commissioners has opened bids on the Court House addition project and plans to award bids at its March 14, 2017 meeting. Additionally, he reported that the City Council, at its March 7, 2017 meeting, accepted a bid for the reconstruction of Library Street along with Rich Street (Main Street to Lafayette Street) and Washington Street (Kidd Street to Jefferson Street). Considering this, he requested that the Planning Commission take action to recommend to City Council its preferred option of parking along the east side of Library Street (parallel v. angled). He reminded the Commission that the Library Board of Trustees has officially requested that the parking arrangement post street reconstruction be angled along the east side of the street in order to maximize the number of parking spaces available for library patron use.

Commissioners re-reviewed the two parking configurations prepared by the City's project engineers, Prein & Newhof and discussed the pros and cons of each configuration.

After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Hoppough, seconded by Commissioner Young, to recommend to the City Council that Option 1A entitled "Library Street Parking Concept" which includes making Library Street "one-way" (traffic traveling south from Washington Street to Main Street) and constructing angled parking along the east side of Library Street be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Updates to the Zoning Ordinance – Medical Marijuana: The draft ordinance amendment has not yet been received from the City's attorney working on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS                      None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS      Commissioners received updates regarding the pending demolition of 326 North Dexter Street and the City's 2017 street reconstruction projects.

ADJOURNMENT                      It was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Hoppough to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Eppler  
City Manager  
Recording Secretary for Dave Cook, Secretary