

**CITY OF IONIA**  
**Planning Commission**  
**October 12, 2022**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hoppough called the Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for October 12, 2022 to order at 4:31 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Logan Bailey, Ryan Gregory, Boomer Hoppough, Tim Lee, and Judy Swartz.  
Absent: Commissioner Mike Donaldson and Ryan Videtich.  
Also Present: City Manager Precia Garland, Assistant to the City Manager Jonathan Bowman, and Daily News representative Tim McAllister.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Hoppough introduced the agenda and asked if there were any requested changes. No changes were requested. It was moved by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the regular meeting of August 10 were reviewed. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Swartz to approve the minutes from August 10. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearing to receive comments on Ordinance No. 568 that would amend Section 1242.99 entitled “Penalty” of the Planning and Zoning Code in Chapter 1242 “Administration, Enforcement, and Penalty” of the City of Ionia Codified Ordinances.

Chairperson Hoppough opened the floor to receive comments on the Public Hearing at 4:33 PM and closed the Public Hearing at 4:33 PM following no public comments.

City Manager Garland provided background on the proposed ordinance and explained that many municipalities have decriminalized zoning violations making them civil infractions. The Planning Commission discussed how the proposed change would affect the City.

It was moved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to recommend that City Council approves Ordinance No. 568 that amends Section 1242.99 “Penalty” of Chapter 1242 – Administration, Enforcement and Penalty of the City of Ionia Codified Ordinances. MOTION CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Draft Business Districts Ordinance

City Manager Garland introduced the draft ordinance. Assistant to the City Manager Bowman went through the ordinance with the Commission highlighting the proposed changes. The Commission discussed the uses proposed in the business districts and reviewed the zoning map to identify how the uses would correspond to specific zoned parcels. After robust conversation the Commission reached the consensus that it should take time to think on the proposal.

It was moved by Lee and seconded by Swartz to table the draft business districts ordinance to allow time for further review. MOTION CARRIED

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 PM. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Precia Garland, Recording Secretary,  
for Judy Swartz, Secretary