

**CITY OF IONIA**  
**Planning Commission**  
**October 14, 2020**  
**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 14, 2020 to order at 4:30 PM. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

ROLL CALL Roll Call revealed Commissioners Mike Donaldson, Boomer Hoppough, Tim Lee, Ted Paton, Judy Swartz and Ryan Videtich (4:34 PM) present. Commissioner Dave Cook was excused.

City Manager Jason Eppler and Planning Consultant Jan Johnson were also present as were several members of the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairperson Hoppough reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Paton, seconded by Commissioner Donaldson to approve the agenda for the October 14, 2020 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Chairperson Hoppough called for public comments. There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS Discuss 2019 Master Plan Implementation Plan: The City Manager reported that several Commissioners have now developed their list of priority projects contained in the Master Plan. He will compare the lists and develop one comprehensive list for the Commission's consideration.

Adult Marihuana – Opt In Ordinance: The City Manager reported that based on the discussions on this topic that occurred at the September meeting, Mrs. Johnson has prepared an additional memorandum that outlines the special licenses that are available through the State of Michigan for adult use marihuana. He stated that the Commission needs to decide whether it would like to include any of these special

licenses in the adult use marihuana ordinance that it will be proposing to the City Council for adoption. He asked Mrs. Johnson to review her memorandum. Mrs. Johnson stated that the adult use law provides for the following adult licenses:

- 1) Designated consumption establishment license;
- 2) Marihuana event organizer license;
- 3) Temporary marihuana event organizer;
- 4) Excess marihuana grower license;
- 5) Micro-business license.

The Commissioners discussed the various aspects of each special license. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to opt-out of these various special licenses and not provide for the option of requesting any/all of them in the draft ordinance that will be proposed to the City Council.

Mrs. Johnson then reviewed with the Commission the draft adult use ordinance that was originally reviewed by the Commission at its September 9, 2020 meeting. She reviewed with the Commission various changes that were proposed as well as a few additional changes/touches that were needed to the ordinance based on discussions earlier in this meeting.

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission options regarding the scheduling of the Public Hearing on the draft ordinance as well as the goal of submitting the ordinance to the City Council for consideration.

It was moved by Commissioner Donaldson, seconded by Commissioner Swartz to schedule a Public Hearing for 4:30 PM, November 12, 2020 to receive comments on the proposed adult use marihuana ordinance. MOTION CARRIED.

## NEW BUSINESS

2021 Meeting Schedule: The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the proposed 2021 Planning Commission meeting schedule which proposes that meetings continue to be held the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM at City Hall (or possibly via Zoom depending on the COVID situation).

It was moved by Commissioner Paton, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adopt the following Planning Commission meeting schedule for 2021 (meetings to begin at 4:30 PM):

January 13, 2021

July 14, 2021

February 10, 2021  
March 10, 2021  
April 14, 2021  
May 12, 2021  
June 9, 2021

August 11, 2021  
September 8, 2021  
October 15, 2021  
November 10, 2021  
December 8, 2021

Food Truck Ordinance: The City Manager reported that he and the DDA Director are working on updating the transient merchant ordinance to address standards for Food Trucks. Originally it was believed that the Zoning Ordinance would need to be amended to establish the standards. This does not appear to be the case so there is no action required by the Planning Commission at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS Several Commissioners wished the City Manager well in his upcoming retirement. Commissioner Lee provided a brief update regarding the City Manager search process.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Commissioner Paton, seconded by Commissioner Swartz to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Eppler  
City Manager  
Recording Secretary for Dave Cook, Secretary