

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
January 9, 2019
Annual Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Annual Meeting

The City Manager called the Annual Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission to order at 4:30 PM. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary for 2019.

Chairperson: It was moved by Commissioner Hoppough, seconded by Commissioner Davidson to select Commissioner Lee as Chairperson for 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

Vice-Chairperson. It was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Donaldson to select Commissioner Hoppough as Vice-Chairperson for 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary. It was moved by Commissioner Hoppough, seconded by Commissioner Swartz to select Commissioner Cook as Secretary for 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Hoppough, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for January 9, 2019 was called to order by Chairperson Tim Lee at 4:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call revealed Commissioners Mike Donaldson, Boomer Hoppough, Tim Lee, and Judy Swartz present. Commissioners Dave Cook, Mark Jennings and Gordon Kelley were excused.

City Manager Jason Eppler, DDA Director Linda Curtis and Planning Consultant Jan Johnson were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Lee reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Hoppough, seconded by Commissioner Donaldson to approve the agenda for the January 9, 2019 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2018 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Donaldson, seconded by Commissioner Swartz to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING Chairperson Lee opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Chapter of the City Code which, if approved, amends Chapters 1240 and 1286 (Michigan Medical Marihuana Act) and adds a new Chapter 1289 (Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act). The proposed amendment will permit “marihuana facilities” in the City, including growers, processors, provisioning centers, secure transporters and safety compliance facilities as special land uses subject to compliance with zoning regulations and standards contained in the proposed amendment.

Comments in support of the passage of the opt-in facilities ordinance were offered by Christine Buck, Jonathan Cross, Randi Hermiz and Kyle Miller.

Hearing no other comments, Chairperson Lee closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

OLD BUSINESS Medical Marihuana Facilities Zoning Ordinance Amendment:
The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the process for amending the City Code and the next steps involving City Council approvals.

It was moved by Commissioner Donaldson, seconded by Commissioner Swartz to recommend to City Council the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 539, an ordinance to amend Chapters 1240 and 1286 (Michigan Medical Marihuana Act) and adds a new Chapter 1289 (Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act). The proposed amendment will permit “marihuana facilities” in the City, including growers, processors, provisioning centers, secure transporters and safety compliance facilities as special land uses subject to compliance with zoning regulations and standards contained in the proposed amendment. MOTION CARRIED.

Master Plan/Recreation Plan Update: Planning Consultant Johnson reviewed with the Commission proposed final changes to the Steele Street Corridor Master Plan. She highlighted the changes made since the last draft. Mrs. Johnson also reviewed with the Commission proposed changes to the current Chapter 5 – Future Land Use and Zoning Plan, most reflecting development changes since the last plan review.

NEW BUSINESS None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS At the request of Chairperson Lee, the City Manager provided the Commission with updates regarding the proposed site plan for the Ventra parking lot project on property owned by Ventra on the west side of Beardsley Road; concepts for the reconstruction of Steele Street (lane configuration changes) and the Commission’s involvement in providing recommendations at an upcoming meeting; and, the January 8, 2019 presentation to City Council by Immigration Centers of America regarding the proposed civil detention facility at the Deerfield Correctional Facility property.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Donaldson to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Eppler
City Manager
Recording Secretary for Dave Cook, Secretary