



## Minutes - August 20, 2007

Wyandotte, Michigan August 20, 2007

Regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, the Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons Browning, Fricke, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

Absent: Councilperson Kolakowski

### COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

August 15, 2007

Mayor James DeSana and City Councilmembers 3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor and Council:

My Place Bar and Grill at 806 Biddle Avenue has constructed a game room within said establishment and currently utilizes fourteen amusement devices for patrons entertainment.

To my surprise, the above action places myself in conflict with the cities Arcade Ordinance; Section 3-126 defines an arcade as any room set aside in a commercial establishment having eight (8) or more mechanical amusement devices.

The undersigned is regulated by rules and regulations promulgated by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission as it relates to the premises, age, time etc. that patrons may patronize and or utilize said amusement devices. And as such I am requesting that the license fee for each machine continue to be paid and that your Honorable body modify the Arcade Ordinance to waive and or delete the requirement of an arcade license where the premises are under the control of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Sincerely yours, Robert Wery, 806 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte

### PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Jim Walton, 229 Eureka, owner of Create a Bear, regarding Ginny Mae's Create a Critter.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY & OTHER OFFICIALS

August 15, 2007

The Honorable Mayor & Council City of Wyandotte  
3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Enclosed herewith are copies of resolutions passed by the Municipal Service Commission at its regular meeting of August 14, 2007. Resolutions are as follows:

1. Adoption of new water rates effective October 1, 2007.
2. Authorization to sign a renewal with The Disney Channel and the Family Channel and to add Toon Disney and Soapnet.
3. Authorization to sign a contract with Fox B 10 Channel Partner for the addition of The Big Ten Network.
4. Elimination of the light bulb program.

Very truly yours,  
City of Wyandotte  
WYANDOTTE MUNICIPAL SERVICES  
Melanie L. McCoy, General Manager  
Tuesday, August 14, 2007

Honorable Mayor and City Council;

As I am sure you are aware, the Wyandotte Museum, Ford-MacNichol Home is undertaking a much needed and major exterior restoration plan over the next five years. This began with the new roof and gutter installation, and continues this summer with the restoration and stabilization of the front wrap around porch.

The porch restoration was anticipated to happen in two phases, with Phase One currently occurring, and Phase Two continuing in the next fiscal year with the generous support of the DDA and a local corporate sponsor. In a Council resolution dated June 26, 2007, the Grunwell-Cashero Company from Detroit was granted the contract to restore the porch for the sum of \$42,220, with funding provided by the DDA and the Cultural and Historical Commission. Over the course of work for Phase One, several unforeseen issues arose dealing with rotten wood replacement that must be addressed for the project to be completed properly. Because of this, phase one has run over budget.

I request Council's approval to continue the porch restoration and complete the project at the FordMacNichol Home with the present contracting firm, as per the additional work delineated on the attached sheet. Some of the work listed is to complete Phase One of the project, while the rest would complete Phase Two. Much of this work must be done in order to properly and safely finish the scope of their initial contract, while the remaining work listed will come close to completing the restoration, addressing many of the safety and restoration concerns we currently have.

Since the work was not budgeted until the 08 FY, pending Council approval, I request permission to continue the project, and working with Todd Drysdale, Director of Finance and Administration, issue payment at the turnover of the next fiscal year, October of 2007. Based on the 2008 DDA budget request, there will be adequate funds to cover this cost. Preliminary discussion with the contracting firm, Grunwell-Cashero has resulted in positive feedback if such a course were pursued - they would be willing to work with us in this regard.

I appreciate your consideration and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Jody Chansuolme Todd Drysdale

Thursday, August 16, 2007

Honorable Mayor and City Council;

The Wyandotte Cultural and Historical Commission requests an additional one week extension to respond to the matter pertaining to the Memorial Pool. We will submit our response for the August 27th meeting.

Thank you for your consideration;

Jody Chansuolme

August 16, 2007

Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Wyandotte  
Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Please consider the following budget amendments These were proposed by the DDA for City Council approval at their meeting August 13, 2007. The amounts will come from the fund balance.

The resolution was moved by Gilbert Rose and supported by Patt Slack and carried unanimously that the Downtown Development Authority recommend to the City Council to concur with and to approve the Downtown Development Authority recommendation to approve the use of \$15,000 under DDA Line Item 499-200-850-730-519 Land Acquisition for an engineering and architectural study of the former Masonic Temple Property. Minutes are not yet available.

The resolution was moved by Gilbert Rose and supported by Norm Walker and carried unanimously that the Downtown Development Authority recommend to the City Council to concur with and to approve the Downtown Development Authority recommendation to amend the budget to provide for the payment of an annual special assessment on the Wyandotte Theatre in the amount under DDA Line Item 499-200-850-730-538 Streetscape project.

Please consider these amendments for approval. The DDA fund balance has sufficient funds to cover these expenditures at this time.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Hooper, AICP, CMSM, Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority

August 14, 2007  
Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Wyandotte  
3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

It has come to the attention of the Downtown Development Authority that a new entry sign is being planned for the Southeast corner of Eureka and Fort, and it will essentially be a mirror image of the attractive masonry entry sign across the street in front of the Walgreen store. It was the wish of the DDA Commissioners that we collectively notify you in writing to express our gratitude for and support of this worthy project. When completed, coupled with the Walgreen sign and our own DDA digital message center sign, the all-important Eureka/Fort entryway to our City should be dramatically enhanced.

This subject, however, leads us to a different but related matter that the DDA has been considering in recent weeks. While the Walgreen sign displays the image of the Wyandot Indian family from the BASF Waterfront Park statue, it is not the City of Wyandotte logo (copy enclosed) which has been in use, more or less officially, since 2002. As a matter of fact, it's worth noting and it perplexes us, that this logo is not used with any degree of consistency (other than on City letterhead) throughout the City and among its various departments. Business cards, web sites, brochures, newsletters, City vehicles, entry signs and buildings typically utilize a variety of motifs and logos without any thought as to uniformity or consistency and that makes it rather difficult for those interested in creating a unified "brand" for use in marketing our Community to do so with any degree of success.

In this connection, we call your attention to the lamentably out-of-date entry signs (there are eight of them in all; none in the DDA district) that adorn the various entrances to the City of Wyandotte. All of them need replacement, and all should be more-or-less the same and we believe that the handsome "letterhead City logo" should be used in the design process. Enclosed for your consideration are a few design ideas that the DDA finds appealing. Unfortunately, since the DDA has no jurisdiction in these areas we can only offer our suggestions and our encouragement.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,  
Greg Gilbert, Chairperson  
REPORTS AND MINUTES AND CASH RECEIPTS  
Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts August 9, 2007 \$3,850.68  
Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts August 15, 2007 \$37,715.22  
Wyandotte Cultural & Historical Commission July 12, 2007  
Wyandotte Cultural & Historical Commission August 9, 2007  
Fire Commission Meeting July 31, 2007

Retirement Commission August 15, 2007  
Municipal Service Commission August 13, 2007  
Municipal Service Commission July 31, 2007  
Planning & Rehabilitation Commission July 19, 2007

#### AUTOMATIC REFERRAL

1. Request from Father Walter J. Ptak for street closures to facilitate the Mt Carmel festival to be held on Friday August 24th, Saturday, August 25th and Sunday, August 26th, 2007.

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jody Chansuolme, Museum Director, and Michelle Blankenship, Vice President, Wyandotte Historical & Cultural Commission, were present regarding the following: presented the Mayor & Council with the Preserve America Award; Preserve America Plaque from Laura Bush; Purple Heart Memorial Garden at the foot of Biddle & Superior; the success of the Mad Hatter Tea; September 8, 2007 Vintage Baseball Game and BASF and their supplying of the paint for the Museum and their donation of supplies to restore Museum.

#### RECESS

#### RECONVENING

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons Browning, Fricke, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

Absent: Councilperson Kolakowski

#### RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan August 20, 2007

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and the same stand APPROVED as recorded without objection.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 20, 2007

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Robert Wery, My Place Bar and Grill, 806 Biddle Avenue dated August 15, 2007 relative to an amendment to the Ordinance as it pertains to Arcades is hereby referred to the City Clerk, City Engineer and Department of Legal Affairs for a review and report back in three weeks.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 20, 2007

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the following recommendations set forth in the communication from the General Manager and Municipal Service Commission dated August 15, 2007: 1. Adoption of new water rates effective October 1, 2007 as outlined in the attached resolution. 2. Authorization to renew the Disney Channel and Family Channel and add Toon Disney and Soapnet. 3. Authorization to sign a contract with Fox B10 Channel Partner for the addition of the Big Ten Network. 4. Elimination of the light bulb program.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
MOTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Peterson, Sutka  
NAYS: Councilman Ptak

Wyandotte, Michigan August 20, 2007

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation of the Museum Director and Director of Financial and Administrative Services to complete the restoration of the Wyandotte Museum, Ford-MacNichol Home as out lined in their communication dated August 24, 2007. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the quote from Grunwell-Cashero in the amount of \$25,938.00 to complete said restoration is hereby accepted. AND FURTHER that the Director of Financial and Administration Services be directed to cover this expenditure utilizing various funds available from the DDA in the 2008 budget timeframe.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
MOTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 20, 2007

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council GRANTS the request of the Museum Director for an additional one week extension to respond to the matter pertaining to the Memorial Pool.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
MOTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 20, 2007

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Downtown Development Authority Director relative to various budget amendment requests dated August 16, 2007 is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council CONCURS in the recommendation of the Downtown Development Authority and hereby accepts the proposal from Wilkie and Zanley, Architects to provide Architectural and Engineering Services for renovations to the Masonic Temple Building for the purpose of converting it to an Art Center in the amount of \$15,000. AND FURTHER that funds for said agreement be taken from line item #499-200-850-730-519 and further that Council appoints Mayor James DeSana, Leo Stevenson, Rick Geyer, Patt Slack, Jody Chansuolme and Mark A. Kowalewski to oversee the development of a Master Plan for the Masonic Temple Building. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the Downtown Development Authority to amend the budget to provide for the payment of an annual special assessment on the Wyandotte Theatre in the amount under DDA Line Item #499-200-850-730-538 Streetscape project.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
MOTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 20, 2007

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Downtown Development Authority, Greg Gilbert Chairperson relative to the request for replacement of the eight entrance signs into the City of Wyandotte is hereby referred to the City Engineer and Director of Financial and Administrative Services for a review and report back in three weeks.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 20, 2007

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$484,963.65 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka  
NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
That we adjourn.  
Carried unanimously.  
Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.  
August 20, 2007

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Maria Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

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