



## Minutes - February 4, 2008

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

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

January 30, 2008

City of Wyandotte  
Mayor and Council  
3131 Biddle Avenue Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor and Council,

Garfield Neighbor's United will be having a meeting at Garfield School, 7:00 PM, on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

Wyandotte's City Assessor, Colleen Keehn, will be our guest speaker. There are always questions this time of year regarding the "Board of Tax Review" so she will be at this meeting to explain the process and answer any questions. The public is invited.

Representatives will also be present at this meeting to update the neighborhood on the "Purple Heart Statue Garden" including information on plans for the changes that will be made to Superior Blvd.

Please mark your calendars for February 6th!

Sincerely,  
Corki Benson Secretary for GNU

Mayor and Council  
City of Wyandotte  
3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI 48192

January 31, 2008

Re: Proposed roof improvement, 1580 Oak St.  
\* Plans on File in the City Clerk's Office

Mayor James R. DeSana, and Wyandotte City Council:

I am planning to change the roof on my office located at 1580 Oak St. The new hip roof with second story attic area would replace the flat roof, eliminating a chronically leaking flat roof.

The proposed plans include an 18 inch overhang, and, with a 4 inch rain gutter, would result in a 22 inch encroachment on the Oak St. right-of-way approximately 14 feet 4 inches above grade. I am asking that the City of Wyandotte grant permission to allow the 22 inch encroachment. I have included Sheets A-1 and A-3 from the plan drawing, depicting the site plan and the exterior elevations. Please feel free to contact me for more information, or for additional clarification of my request.

Sincerely,  
Mark S. Glovis DDS, 1580 Oak  
Wyandotte, MI 48192 734-285-2510  
PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

January 24, 2008

Mayor and City Council City of Wyandotte  
3131 Biddle Avenue Wyandotte, MI 48192

SUBJECT: 2008 WYANDOTTE STREET ART FAIR

This communication is in response to Council Resolution dated October 30, 2007, which requested a review and report back to Council relative to the proposed road closure expansion for the Annual Wyandotte Street Art Fair. After meeting with the Art Fair Committee it was agreed that at this time expansion of street closure is unnecessary; therefore, road closures will remain the same. The application for road closure was submitted to Wayne County Department of Public Services and the permit for road closure, C-33654, was received and is currently on file.

If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Grant, Chief of Police

January 30, 2008

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Wyandotte

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

In accordance with provision of Act #200 of the Public Acts of 1969 of the State of Michigan, please request the Public Works Department to close Biddle Avenue from 6 PM to 1 AM for the Independence Holiday Fireworks Celebration scheduled for Friday June 27, 2008 and for the Friday July 4, 2008 Independence Holiday Parade.

The fireworks and parade will necessitate closing Biddle Avenue from Davis to Plum. Traffic to be rerouted northbound Third to Ford, southbound on Fourth from Ford.

The Chief of Police is requested to apply to the Wayne County Office of Public Service for a road closing permit; he should be designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit document on behalf of the City of Wyandotte. Responsibility for all damage claims which may arise from the road closing must be assumed by the City of Wyandotte. The Fire Department should also be notified of this event to reroute emergency vehicles.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hooper, AICP, Executive Director  
Downtown Development Authority

January 31, 2008

Honorable Mayor James DeSana  
and City Council, City of Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and Council Members:

At the meeting of January 15, the Wyandotte Recreation Commission discussed the lease agreements for the operation of the Bishop Park Concession, Wyandotte Shores Golf Course, and the Wyandotte Municipal Boat Ramp. The three lease agreements have been submitted to the Department of Legal Affairs and approved for content.

The Recreation Commission feels that the following recommendations be granted:

Bishop Park Concession Lease to be extended for 2008 to Jerry Festerman, 27977 Northline, Romulus, MI 48174

Wyandotte Shores Golf Course to be extended for 2008 to Robert Thiede, 4656 15th St., Wyandotte, MI 48192

Municipal Boat Ramp Lease to be extended for 2008 to George Campbell, 845 Riverbank, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Sincerely yours,

James R. Knopp, Superintendent of Recreation

January 31, 2008

Honorable Mayor James DeSana And City Council  
City of Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and Council Members:

Please find the attached Benjamin F. Yack Recreation Center rental contracts:

Lions Club Flea Market - March 29 & 30, 2008  
Walk MS (Multiple Sclerosis) - May 4, 2008  
Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers Show - May 17 & 18, 2008  
Roosevelt High School Commencements - June 12, 2008

Your approval is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Knopp  
Superintendent of Recreation

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 Mayor & City Council City of Wyandotte 3131 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte, MI, 48192 Honorable Mayor and City Council Members;

In follow up to the attached resolution, dated October 24, 2006 regarding the removal of historical contents of homes scheduled for demolition in the City of Wyandotte. The Wyandotte Cultural and Historical Commission request permission to amend said resolution to include the sale of any salvageable items for the benefit and sustainment of the Wyandotte Museums.

Museum staff would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Jody Chansuolme Director of Museums  
Don Schultz, President, Cultural and Historical Commission

January 30, 2008

The Honorable Mayor DeSana and City Council  
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and Council Members:

On January 23, 2008, proposals for File #4440 — Speaker and Sound System in the Court Room, City Council Chambers and Magistrate at the new Police/Court Building Project were opened and read aloud. The following proposals were received:

**BIDDER CITY BID PRICE**

KLA Laboratories Dearborn, MI \$19,948.36  
Sound Planning Redford, MI \$24,448.00  
Dynalectric Michigan Troy, MI \$31,254.00

Bass Note Productions Wyandotte, MI \$33,092.00

The undersigned recommends the acceptance of the proposal from KLA Laboratories, from Dearborn, Michigan in the amount of \$19,948.36 as the best bid received meeting the specifications.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

Todd A. Drysdale, Director of Administrative/Financial Services

January 31, 2008

The Honorable James R. DeSana, Mayor and City Council Members  
3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members,

As you are aware, the City provides post employment health care benefits to nearly all employees upon retirement. The Government Accounting Standards Board released Statement Number 45 that provides guidance for local units of government in recognizing the cost of retiree health care as well as any "other" post employment benefits (other than pensions). This new rule requires the government-wide financial statements to recognize the cost of providing retiree health care coverage over the working life of the employee rather than at the time the health care premiums are paid. This new pronouncement is effective for the year ending September 30, 2009.

Attached you will find the City of Wyandotte Retiree Health Care Plan Actuarial Valuation Report as of September 30, 2006. This valuation was prepared in anticipation of the new pronouncement mentioned above.

In summary, this report shows that the present value of all benefits expected to be paid to current plan members as of the date of the valuation, is between \$71 million and \$119 million. The amount of benefits already earned by plan members as of the date of the valuation is between \$59 million and \$88 million. These ranges are the result of using a range of assumptions to derive the liability.

Although the new standard does not require the City to actuarially pre-fund these obligations, it is recommended that the City do so. Currently the City is funding retiree health care benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis instead of contributing to the liability as it is earned. The attached valuation indicates that the City should be contributing between \$4.6 million and \$5.55 million annually for these obligations. Currently, the City is paying approximately \$2.3 million only for the current year's cost for retiree healthcare. Thus, the City would be required to pay an additional \$2.3 million to \$3.25 million annually to actuarially fund these obligations.

This information is being presented to you in an effort to keep you informed regarding these important obligations and liabilities facing the City now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Drysdale, Director of Financial and Administrative Services

#### REPORTS AND MINUTES AND CASH RECEIPTS

Fire Commission Meeting January 15, 2008  
Wyandotte Street Art Fair Meeting January 17, 2008  
Wyandotte Recreation Commission January 15, 2008  
Municipal Service Commission January 16, 2008  
Municipal Service Commission January 22, 2008  
Zoning Board of Appeals & Adjustments January 16, 2008

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

RECESS

RECONVENING

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilperson Kolakowski

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 81 CHESTNUT FROM MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (RM-3) TO CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD)

THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE ORDAINS:

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

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 Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Corki Benson, Secretary for Garfield Neighbor's United, 404 Vinewood, Wyandotte dated January 30, 2008 is hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Mark S. Glovis DDS, 1580 Oak Street requesting to encroach on the Oak Street right-of-way to accommodate a new hip roof with second story attic area is hereby APPROVED. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Glovis be directed to apply and pay for all permits necessary to achieve same and sign all Hold Harmless and Grant of License Agreements as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs and Engineering Department.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Chief of Police dated January 24, 2008 responding to a Council Resolution dated October 30, 2007 which requested a review and report back to Council relative to the proposed road closure expansion for the Annual Wyandotte Street Art Fair is hereby received and placed on file with copies forwarded to Fire, Engineering Downtown Development Authority, Art Fair Committee and Garfield Neighbors United.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Lisa Hooper, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority is hereby referred back to Ms. Hooper for a review and report back in one week.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the extension of the following contracts as submitted by the Superintendent of Recreation and hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said Contracts on behalf of the City:

Bishop Park Concession Lease to be extended for 2008 to Jerry Festermann, 27977 Northline, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Wyandotte Shores Golf Course to be extended for 2008 to Robert Thiede, 4656-15th Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Municipal Boat Ramp Lease to be extended for 2008 to George Campbell, 845 Riverbank, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the necessary insurance policies shall be filed with the City Clerk before starting operation and all guidelines and requirements of said Contracts shall be met as outlined.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the following Benjamin F. Yack Recreation Center contracts as submitted by the Superintendent of Recreation and hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said Contracts on behalf of the City:

Lion's Club Flea Market-March 29 & 30, 2008  
Walk MS (Multiple Sclerosis)-May 4, 2008  
Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers Show-May 17 & 18, 2008  
Roosevelt High School Commencements-June 12, 2008

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the necessary insurance policies shall be filed with the Clerk before the events take place and all guidelines and requirements of said lease Contracts shall be met as outlined.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS with the request of the Director of Museums and President of the Cultural and Historical Commission dated January 30, 2008 to amend the resolution dated October 24, 2006 regarding the removal of historical contents of homes scheduled for demolition in the City of Wyandotte as follows; the City Engineer shall notify the Wyandotte Cultural and Historical Commission in advance of demolition of properties so the Commission will have ample time to inspect and request preservation and/or removal of contents and architectural elements which are of historical significance to Wyandotte and further the Commission may sell any salvageable items for the benefit of the Wyandotte Museums subject to a yearly report of sales to be placed on file with the Department of Financial and Administrative Services.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of the City Engineer and the Director of Financial and Administrative Services regarding the Speaker and Sound System for the Wyandotte Police/Court to accept the proposal-KLA Laboratories-Dearborn, Michigan in the amount of \$19,948.36 from account # 400-31-825-340; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents to perform said work and

further that all bid bonds be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Director of Financial and Administrative Services dated January 31, 2008 regarding the City of Wyandotte Retiree Health Care Plan Actuarial Valuation Report dated September 30, 2006 is hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan February 4, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$368,607.42 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning Fricke Peterson Ptak Sutka  
NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Joseph Peterson  
That we adjourn.  
Carried unanimously.  
Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.  
February 4, 2008

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Maria Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

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