



Minutes - March 17, 2008

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 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, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka
Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

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

March 12, 2008

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members;

Mercury Manufacturing Company located at 1212 Grove Street is submitting to the City of Wyandotte its Michigan Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate application for new projects located at 1212 Grove Street, 3855 13th Street, 3841 13th Street and 3817 13th Street under the Industrial Development District No. 21.

Mercury Manufacturing wishes to thank the Community Development Director, the City Engineer, the City Assessor, the City Clerk and the Mayor and Council for their continued assistance.

Respectively,
Greg Gould, Operations Manager, Mercury Manufacturing Company
1212 Grove Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Mike Pengelly, Wyandotte Jaycees, regarding 22nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Michael Sura, 3827 – 15th, regarding noise, Cadon Plating blower fan, didn't sleep because of the noise.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

March 11, 2008
The Honorable City Council City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte MI 48192

Gentlemen and Madam:

I am submitting for your approval the firm of Look Makowski and Look, P.C., for re-appointment as the Department of Legal Affairs for the City of Wyandotte for a two-year contract. This contract will be effective April 16, 2008 to April 15, 2010.

As you are aware, Look Makowski and Look, P.C. took a voluntary 2% reduction in pay in April 2006. I am recommending that their salary be brought back to the level prior to April 2006 in the sum of \$78,000 per year.

I request your concurrence in the re-appointment of the firm of Look Makowski and Look, P.C. as the Department of Legal Affairs for the City of Wyandotte, at a yearly salary of \$78,000.

Sincerely,
James R. DeSana, Mayor
March 13, 2008

The Honorable City Council, City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte MI 48192

Gentlemen and Madam:

On April 29, 2007, City Council adopted a resolution to re-appoint Mark A. Kowalewski as the City Engineer for two-year term retroactive to April 16, 2007 and ending April 20, 2009. At the time of the re-appointment, it was agreed that in addition to his annual salary and auto allowance, he would also receive benefits identical to those provided other non-union general City employees, except for any approved general salary increase. (A copy of the ordinance is enclosed). No provision was made for a salary increase at that time for Mr. Kowalewski because we were unable to determine what increase, if any, the non-union City employees would receive.

In light of the resolution adopted by City Council on March 10, 2008, approving changes in wages and other benefits to eligible non-union general City employees, I am recommending that Mr. Kowalewski receive the same pay increases.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of my recommendation, I remain

Sincerely,
James R. DeSana, Mayor

March 13, 2008

The Honorable James DeSana, Mayor and City Council Members
City of Wyandotte, 3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members:

Please consider the following request for budget amendments by the DDA. The items for consideration were proposed by the DDA for City Council approval at their meeting of March 10, 2008. The amounts would come from the fund balance. A draft of the minutes is attached and relates the Board discussion, rationale and intent of the proposed amendments. Minutes have not yet been approved

Account Number 499-200- 850-518 Fort Street Sign Amendment to increase line item to \$5,500 to cover foot light repairs.

Account Number 499-200- 850-522 Christmas Decorations Amendment to increase line item to \$45,000 to purchase additional decorations to enhance the downtown display.

Please consider the 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

March 13, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana and City Council
City Hall

Re: Establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for 3003-05 Biddle – Municipal Services Building

Dear Mayor and Council,

Per the request from the City Council dated February 25, 2008 to establish a single property Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRE) District at 3003-05 Biddle, the enclosed resolution has been prepared authorizing the holding of a public hearing for the Mayor and Council to consider establishing a District. Additional information regarding the OPRE District will be presented at the time of the hearing.

If you wish to schedule a public hearing to consider the request, the following resolution authorizes the actions necessary for the Council to consider establishing an OPRE District.

Very truly yours,

Todd A. Drysdale
Director of Financial and Administrative Services

March 12, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana and City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members:

On February 20, 2008, proposals for File #4438 - Cleaning & Televising Sanitary Sewers were opened and read out loud. A tabulation of the proposals is as follows:

Bidder Bid Amount Bidder Bid Amount

Paradigm 2000 Inc. \$65,383.92 Lake County Sewer Co., Inc. \$79,483.05
Detroit, MI Brownstown, MI

Advanced Underground Insp. \$65,743.29 National Industrial Maint. \$88,615.08
Westland, MI Dearborn, MI

Terra Contracting LLC \$76,513.14 Inland Waters Pollution Control \$90,000.55
Kalamazoo Brownstown, MI

Doetsch Industrial Services Inc. \$79,579.68 Bierlain \$105,323.86
Warren, MI Midland, MI

A review of the information provided from the lowest bidder, Paradigm 2000, Inc. of Detroit indicated they lacked experience.

A review of the information provided from the second lowest bidder, Advanced Underground Inspection LLC., was satisfactory. Furthermore, this company has adequately performed televising of sewers in the past for Wyandotte and there is only a \$359.37 difference in the bids.

Therefore, the undersigned recommends the acceptance of the proposal from Advanced Underground Inspection, LLC. of Westland, Michigan, in the amount of \$65,743.29 as the best bid received meeting specifications.

Very truly yours,
Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer
Todd A. Drysdale, Director of Administrative/Financial Services

March 11, 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 and insurance certificates for the:

Southern Wayne County Regional
Chamber of Commerce
Business Expo
April 3, 4, & 5, 2008

Your approval is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
James R. Knopp, Superintendent of Recreation

March 11, 2008

The Honorable James R. DeSana And City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and Council Members:

The undersigned have negotiated a one (1) year term extension with Blue Water Explorations, Ltd, D.B.A. Diamond Jack's River Tours. The condition of the contract extension would be as set forth in the attached Renewal of License Agreement.

The undersigned recommend that this contract extension be approved.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer
James Knopp, Superintendent Recreation Department

March 12, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana
And City Council, City Hall
Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members:

In response to the communication from Karen Krimmel, 3844 22nd Street, the following applies.

Attached please find a warning ticket issued to the owner's of the property at 3851 Fort Street. The ticket informs the owner to instruct the snow plow drivers not to plow snow from the alley or the parking lot into the fences of the residents who live on 22nd Street.

Further, an inspection was done of Ms. Krimmel's fence and it appears that no damage was done to it. See enclosed pictures.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski City Engineer

March 12, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana Dr. Patricia Cole, Superintendent
And City Council Wyandotte Public Schools
City Hall 639 Oak Street
Wyandotte, Michigan Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor DeSana, City Council Members and Dr. Cole:

I am happy to inform you that the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) has awarded Wilson Middle School a Downriver Area Brownfield Consortium (DABC) Grant in the amount of \$500.00. The grant is to build bird nesting boxes along the Ecorse Creek between Harrison Bridge and St. Johns extended by the Wilson's Warrior Science Club.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski City Engineer

March 11, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana And City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members:

The City of Wyandotte has an opportunity to collaborate with surrounding communities through the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) to have combined purchasing of commodities such as salt, cold patch, limestone, sand and other commodities. Acceptance of bids would still follow the same process Wyandotte has in place.

The enclosed Resolution would permit Wyandotte to participate in the DCC's procurement program.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

LATE ITEM

March 17, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana and City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members:

The undersigned recommend the City Engineer be authorized to submit the enclosed Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Parks and Recreation, Waterways Grant Program Application. This grant would provide funds to conduct an engineering study on the feasibility of constructing a transient marina at Bishop Park.

If the grant is approved the City will have to provide 50% matching funds or \$20,000 for the study.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

AUTOMATIC REFERRALS:

1. Communication from the Wyandotte Jaycees requesting the use of Bishop Park on March 22, 2008 for their annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m. sharp. The Jaycees are expected to be on site from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (PERMISSION GRANTED) Copies to Legal for Hold Harmless, Police, Fire, DPS.
2. Communication from Father Water J. Ptak, Administrator St. Stanislaus Kostka Church requesting the City's permission and assistance regarding various road closures, dumpsters, police security and various other needs for the 37th Annual Polish Festival to be held on May 23, 24 and 25th, 2008 on the ground of the Church located at 266 Antoine Street, Wyandotte. (PERMISSION GRANTED) Copies to Legal for Hold Harmless, Police, Fire, DPS, City Engineer.

REPORTS AND MINUTES AND CASH RECEIPTS

Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts \$129,981.64
Beautification Commission Meeting February 19, 2008
Downtown Development Authority March 6, 2008
Fire Commission Meeting February 12, 2008
Fire Fighter's Civil Service Commission January 9, 2008
Municipal Service Commission February 12, 2008
Police Commission Meeting February 12, 2008
Planning & Rehabilitation Commission February 21, 2008

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

RECESS

RECONVENING

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

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 Patrick J. Sutka
Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Greg Gould, Operations Manager, Mercury Manufacturing Company, 1212 Grove Street dated March 12, 2008 relative to Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate applications for 3855-13th Street, 3841-13th Street and 3817-13th Street is hereby referred to the City Engineer.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka
Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation of Mayor DeSana as set forth in his communication dated March 11, 2008 to re-appoint the firm of Look Makowski and Look P.C. as the Department of Legal Affairs for the City of Wyandotte at a yearly salary of \$78,000. This contract will be effective April 16, 2008 to April 15, 2010.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka
Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of Mayor DeSana as set forth in his communication dated March 13, 2008 to amend the ordinance determining the salary for the City Engineer to reflect the action of the City Council on March 10, 2008, extending the approved changes in wages to all eligible non-union employees. The amendment would be for the period of February 1, 2008 through April 20, 2009. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said resolution be forwarded the Department of Legal Affairs for said ordinance change.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka
Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski
YEAS: Councilmembers Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka
NAYS: Councilman Browning

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Downtown Development Authority dated March 13, 2008 relative to various budget amendments is hereby received and placed on file. AND FURTHER WHEREAS, the foot lights had failed and were in need of replacement at the Fort Street Sign at Fort and Eureka; BE IT RESOLVED the City Council CONCUR with AND APPROVE the Downtown Development Authority recommendation to approve a budget amendment to the Fort Street Sign line item #499-200-850-518 increasing the line item to \$5,500. AND FURTHER WHEREAS, a recommendation from the Downtown Development Authority's Design Committee for the purpose of purchasing "Choo Choo Train" decorations for the entrance of the Central Business District, including archways and additional lighting and rental space for Santa downtown AND FURTHER Council CONCURS with and

approves the Downtown Development Authority recommendation to approve a budget amendment to line item # 499-200-850-522 relative to Christmas Decorations for a total amount of \$45,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION INITIATING ACTION TO ESTABLISH AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE AND THE SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

At a regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE

That the City Council authorizes the initiation of action to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the property at 3003-05 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI, 48192, said property more particularly described as:

Lots 1, 2, 3 and the North 6.5 feet of Lot 4, all of Eureka Iron and Steel Works Resubdivision of Block 32 as recorded in Liber 22 of Plats, Page 49, Wayne County Records.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the City Clerk is hereby directed to send written notice by certified mail to the owners of all real property within the proposed Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District and shall afford an opportunity for a hearing on the establishment of the Obsolete Rehabilitation District. Any of the owners and any other resident or taxpayer of the City of Wyandotte may appear at the hearing and be heard. The City Clerk is further directed to publish a public notice of the hearing not less than 10 days or more than 30 days before the date of the hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, in the Council Chambers of the Wyandotte City Hall.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka
Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of the City Engineer and Director of Administrative and Financial Services regarding File #4438-Cleaning & Televising Sanitary Sewers to accept the bid from Advanced Underground Inspection LLC of Westland, Michigan in the amount of \$65,734.29 from account #490-200-926-310 and further instructs the Director of Administrative and Financial Services to process a budget amendment to increase this account \$280,000.00 AND FURTHER that all bid bonds be returned to the unsuccessful bidder by the City clerk and all bid checks be returned to the unsuccessful bidder by the City Treasurer.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the Benjamin F. Yack Recreation Center contract for the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on April 3, 4 & 5, 2008 as submitted by the Superintendent of Recreation and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said contract.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka
Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer and Superintendent of Recreation regarding the contract extension with Blue Water Explorations, LTD., D.B.A. Diamond Jack's River Tours and that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Renewal of License Agreement.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer dated March 12, 2008 regarding 3844-22nd Street is hereby received and placed on file with a copy forwarded to Ms. Krimmel.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding a grant received by Wilson Middle School is hereby received and placed on file; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City hereby grants permission to the Wilson Warrior Science Club to erect bird nesting boxes along the Ecorse Creek between Harrison Bridge and St. Johns.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding purchasing of commodities through the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Wyandotte desires to join a consortium of twenty Downriver Communities in Wayne County who are members of the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) to provide collaborative bidding of commodities such as salt, cold patch, limestone, screen sand, top soil and similar materials would be advantageous; and that such joint bidding would seek proposals for one, two and three year option periods; and that no minimum would be guaranteed so as to allow flexibility and the exercise of individual Municipal discretion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wyandotte authorizes the City Engineer to participate in the Collaborative Procurement Program through the DCC to purchase certain commodities in a joint bidding, subject to the City of Wyandotte's own procurement procedures and practices; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Wyandotte encourages the DCC to explore and develop further means of reducing expenses in their respective Departments by collaborating with other Members.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

YEAS: Councilpersons Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

ESOLVED by the City Council that the City Engineer is authorized to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Parks and Recreation, Waterways Grant Program for a study on the feasibility of a transient marina at Bishop Park.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that the complaint of Michael Sura, 3827-15th Street, Wyandotte, Michigan concerning the loud noise coming from Cadon Plating is hereby referred to the City Engineer for investigation, review and report back to this Council in (2) two weeks.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that the Council meeting of March 24, 2008 is hereby CANCELLED due to the EASTER HOLIDAY.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that the City Engineer has expressed a desire to meet in closed session to discuss acquisition and/or lease of real property. Now, therefore, be it resolved that this Body will meet in closed session immediately following the regularly scheduled Council meeting for the above stated purpose only.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 17, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$460,485.50 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

Supported by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

That we adjourn.
Carried unanimously.
Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
March 17, 2008

Maria Johnson, Deputy City Clerk
