

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

Regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, the Honorable Mayor Joseph Peterson presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

Absent: Councilperson Browning

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

1 March 2010

Dear Mayor Peterson and Members of City Council:

I am writing to request that the Wyandotte Jaycees be granted permission to use Bishop Park on Saturday April 3rd 2010 for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This is one of the year's most prominent community events that our chapter looks forward to. We will arrive at Bishop Park at 8am the day of the event and official festivities will start at 11 am sharp. We should be done and cleaned up by 1pm. We invite all of City Council to come out, participate, and enjoy our event.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie Abshire
2010 President
Wyandotte Jaycees

March 03, 2010

Mayor Joe Peterson and City Councilmembers
3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor and Council:

Curves Riverside is happy to announce that we are preparing for our annual Curves road Drive. Especially now, the needs in our own community are great. Our friends, family and neighbors are in need of a helping hand and we are ready and willing to assist them in any way that we can. For the month of March, Curves will be accepting donations of any non-perishable food items that will benefit the Downriver Community Food Pantry which operates from St. Patrick's Catholic Church here in Wyandotte.

To honor and celebrate the generosity of our community, Curves Riverside will waive its normal service fee for any new member who donates a bag of groceries for this cause. Others who wish to donate may drop off food items at Curves Riverside located at 154- Maple for the entire month of March.

We appreciate this opportunity to invite our neighbors to share their generous spirits to help those in need.

Thank you.
Warm regards,
Beth DeJulian, Curves Riverside
134- Maple
734-285-6955

February 12, 2010

Mayor/City Council
3131 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor/City Council,

It has come to my attention that our Ordinance Officer, Jack Sammons is being terminated in September 2010. I have known Officer Sammons for a long time as our Ordinance Officer and have had to call on him several times. He came promptly and listened to my complaint and actually did something about it and took action.

I remember one time in particular, when an elderly lady who lived a couple houses down had received a few notices regarding her yard and alley. That is when Officer Sammons had to stop at the house to inform her that she would be receiving a citation if she didn't clean her yard. When Officer Sammons noticed that she was an elderly lady, living alone. I couldn't believe my eyes that day. When I looked out the window and saw Office Sammons helping her clean up her yard. He even came back in the evening to help with the alley. She told me afterwards, that he was her "Miracle Angel". She told me that she had a great feeling about living in a city like Wyandotte where they had people in office that would care about an 'old' lady.

Officer Sammons has always been someone I felt I could call on and he would get things done. I take pride in the city of Wyandotte and I know that Officer Sammons does too. He lives in the city and as I am told was born and raised here. I also found out that he has been an auxiliary police officer since the early 1980's. So for someone who has put so much time in is job, plus volunteering as much as he does, it is a shame on us as citizens of Wyandotte that we could let this happen to him.

Why can't we do without fireworks? I am sure that costs a lot, and the only thing the city gets out of it, a fee to clean up afterwards. Taylor has stopped them, plus some other cities to save on money and save jobs for city workers. I have to tell you, I am disappointed in the way that people are tossed out and replaced by part-time people who are untrained, probably don't live in Wyandotte and have no history with my city that I truly love.

Sincerely,

Christina Pizzo, 2412 – 23rd, Wyandotte, MI 48192

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Mayor & City Council, City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI, 48192

Thursday, March 04, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

The Wyandotte Stars Vintage Base Ball Club is gearing up for another successful season!

The Wyandotte Stars is a vintage base ball club, a program of the Wyandotte Museums, which recreates this early American pastime using the rules and customs of the 19' century.

Formed in 2007 as part of the inaugural year of the Museums' Heritage Event Series, the players are a dedicated group of volunteers and sports enthusiasts who represent the City of Wyandotte each year, both locally and at travel tournaments throughout the State of Michigan.

The club will be holding a fundraising event on Sunday, March 14, 2010, from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Lions and Tigers and Beers, 2929 Biddle Avenue, in Downtown Wyandotte. 10% of ALL SALES will be donated to the Stars. Prize raffles will take place at the event with goods donated by local businesses. Proceeds from the fundraiser assist the vintage base ball program with the acquisition of uniforms, equipment and related expenses.

Attached, please find the event flyer with the above mentioned information.

We appreciate your support of the Wyandotte Stars, and thank you for your continual support of our Museums programs and events!

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jody Chansuolme, Director of Museums and Cultural Affairs

The Director of the Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority requested that Item #5 be removed from the Agenda.

February 4, 2010

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

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 2010-1

After review, the Traffic Bureau recommends the installation of a "No Thru Traffic" sign at alley entrance at 15th, Wyandotte, MI 48192. This request met all the qualifications set forth by the Commission; therefore, in concurrence with Sergeant Pouliot, this letter serves as a recommendation for Council support of Traffic Control Order 2010-1 as specified on said order.

If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact my office at extension 4424.

Sincerely,
Daniel J. Grant, Chief of Police

February 4, 2010
Mayor and City Council City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 2010-2

After review, the Traffic Bureau recommends the installation of two "Drop Off Zone" signs at Jefferson School, north of Clark at the start of the curb cut up to the "No Bus Parking" signs, Wyandotte, MI 48192. This request met all the qualifications set forth by the Commission; therefore, in concurrence with Sergeant Pouliot, this letter serves as a recommendation for Council support of Traffic Control Order 2010-2 as specified on said order.

If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact my office at extension 4424.

Sincerely,
Daniel J. Grant, Chief of Police

March 4, 2010

Honorable Mayor Joseph Peterson And City Council
City of Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members:

Please find attached Contracts, along with their Insurance Certificates, Hold Harmless Agreements, and General Conditions for the Combat X Cage Fighting to be held on Saturday, June 26, 2010, at the Benjamin F. Yack Recreation Center.

We believe that this event will help make our downtown a destination of choice for residents of Southeast Michigan.

Your approval is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Pischke, Superintendent of Recreation, Leisure & Culture

March 4, 2010

Mayor Joseph Peterson and City Council
City of Wyandotte

Dear Mayor Peterson & City Council:

Please find attached the contracts for the band Larry Lee & Back in the Day to provide entertainment at the Wyandotte Street Art Fair on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, from 9 - 11 pm.

We feel that this band will provide excellent entertainment and will help make our downtown a destination of choice for residents of not only Southeast Michigan but to the numerous visitors from various States who are attending our Art Fair.

We appreciate your approval of this contract and support of our Department of Recreation, Leisure & Culture.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Pischke, Superintendent of Recreation, Leisure & Culture

March 4, 2010

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson and City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

On March 30, 2009, the undersigned presented a grant application to the City Council for consideration for 50% funding for a transient marina at Bishop Park. At that time, there was inadequate support to apply for the grant. Since then, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) notified the City Council of their support of the proposed transient marina on June 1, 2009. The "No Fishing" sign has been removed at Perry Place as requested by Fisheries Division, MDEQ.

The TIFA Board has indicated their support for the project and allocated \$240,000 of their 2010 budgeted funds towards the matching requirements of the grant. Their intentions are to set aside those funds as well as future annual contributions so that the estimated matching funds would be available if the City were awarded the grant in the future.

The construction permit applications for the transient marina were submitted in January 2009. We received the Department of Army Corps of Engineer's Permit approval in August 2009. The Michigan Department of Environment has not issued a permit because they have concerns on how dredging would be conducted. The undersigned applied for and received a grant from the Downriver Area Brownfield Consortium (DABC) to have the proposed dredged area tested. The tests were reviewed by MDEQ in January 2010 and they indicated the proposed dredging area would have to be contained during the work. SME has provided an estimate of between \$260,000-\$490,000 for this type of dredging. The original estimate for dredging was \$70,100 without containment.

Therefore, I have prepared two separate grant requests (see attached). The first is to request grant funds for the entire project. The second request is for the entire project but assumes the City can find funding for the dredging from another source. This decreases the grant request and increases the applicants matching funds.

The grant application deadline is April 1, 2010. Therefore, I recommend the City Clerk set a public hearing for March 22, 2010, to consider citizen input on the proposed project and grant application. The undersigned will complete the grant application so it is available for the Public Hearing.

This recommendation is consistent with the Goals and Objectives identified in the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan 2010-2015 that identifies a commitment to our heritage, economic development and the wise use of our riverfront.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

March 4 2010

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson And City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

With the Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds regarding the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Grant from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) of the American Recovery Act of 2009 appearing in the local newspapers on March 8, 2010, I recommend the following. The City Council welcome Rick Ballard, Director, Office of Community Development, MSHDA, to the March 22, 2010, City Council meeting to make a presentation regarding the award of 57,719,839.00 in funds to be utilized by Wyandotte and Wayne County Land Bank in the City of Wyandotte.

The funds must be utilized in the area of Eureka Avenue to Northline (Ford) and the Detroit River to 15th Street. The investment of NSP2 Funds will be utilized to benefit household at or below 50% of Area Median Family Income (AM I) and households at or below 120% of AMI. Attached are the income limits that are effective March 25, 2009, for Wyandotte.

The Production Goals and NSP2 Eligible Use Budget for Programming the funds is attached. Further, the NSP2 Program Management Matrix which indicates the responsibilities of HUD, MSHDA, Wayne County Land Bank, and Wyandotte is attached. This includes acquisition of foreclosed or abandoned properties, rehabilitation of properties purchased for resale, demolition of properties purchased, building homes on properties demolished or on the cities current inventory of vacant lots, housing counseling and homebuyer's assistance.

Additional information will be available on March 22, 2010, and public participation is welcomed.

This action is consistent with the Goals and Objectives identified in the City of 'Wyandotte's Strategic Plan 2010-2015 that provide the finest services and quality of life and encourages and respect citizen participation and provide transparency in all City matters.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski City Engineer

REPORTS AND MINUTES

Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts	March 3, 2010
Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts	February 18, 2010
Cultural & Historical Commission	January 14, 2010
Fire Commission Meeting	February 11, 2010
Police Commission Meeting	January 28, 2010
Municipal Services Commission	February 9, 2010

AUTOMATIC REFERRALS

1. Communication from Moslem Shriners to solicit funds at intersections and in front of businesses after gaining the business owners prior approval on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 17, 18 and 19, 2010 for the Annual Fund Drive to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. (PERMISSION GRANTED)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

RECESS

RECONVENING

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

Absent: Councilperson Browning

HEARING

ALLEY VACATION
THE NORTH/SOUTH TWENTY (20) FOOT WIDE PUBLIC
ALLEY WEST OF BIDDLE AVENUE AND SOUTH OF
SUPERIOR BLVD IN THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE

Nothing in writing.

Rose Henry, owner, Grind Coffee Shop, objects to Tim Hortons being placed in a Historical District. No to fast food. Submitted petitions opposing the development of fast food/drive thru establishment at Wyandotte's Historic District and near the Purple Heart Memorial at Superior and Biddle.

Mr. Daly, 100 Maple, 20' wide alley needs to be closed to oncoming traffic.

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

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 Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby GRANTS permission to the Jaycees to utilize Bishop Park on Saturday April 3, 2010 for the annual Wyandotte Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt, set up at 8:00 a.m. event to commence at 11:00 a.m. sharp. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of said communication be forwarded to Police, Fire and DPS. AND FURTHER that a Hold Harmless Agreement be executed as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Beth DeJulian, Curves Riverside, 134 Maple relative to the donations to the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Food Pantry is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council supports the efforts of Curves and encourages the citizens to take part in said food drive.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Christina Pizzo, 2412-23rd relative to the retention of Officer Jack Sammons is hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Director of Museums relative to the fundraiser for the Wyandotte Stars Vintage Base Ball Club on Sunday, March 14, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lions Tigers and Beers, 2929 Biddle is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council requests all citizens support this fundraising effort.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS in Traffic Control Order 2010-1 for the installation of the "No Thru Traffic" sign at the alley entrance at 15th as set forth by the Chief of Police and Traffic Bureau in the communication dated February 4, 2010. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said order be signed and hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution
MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS in Traffic Control Order 2010-2 for the installation of two "Drop Off Zone" signs at Jefferson School, north of Clark at start of curb cut to "No Bus Parking" signs-Drop Off zone signs indicate "No Parking, No Standing, No Stopping...Pick UP Drop Off Only....Strictly Enforced" as set forth by the Chief of Police and Traffic Bureau in the communication dated February 4, 2010. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said order be signed and hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution
MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the contract for the Combat X Cage Fighting to be held on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at the Benjamin F. Yack Recreation Center as submitted by the Superintendent of Recreation, Leisure & Culture and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said Contract. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all documents relative to the Contract shall be placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution
MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the contract for Larry Lee & Back in the Day to provide entertainment at the Wyandotte Street Art Fair on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the amount of \$2,400 as submitted by the Superintendent of Recreation, Leisure and Cultural and hereby authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said Contract.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution
MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
AYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer relative to the proposed transient marina at Bishop Park dated March 4, 2010 is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the information received in said communication Council hereby recommends conducting a public hearing on Monday, March 22, 2010 to determine whether or not to apply for grant funds for said project.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution
MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby receives and places on file the communication from the City Engineer dated March 4, 2010 regarding the \$7,719,839.00 Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Grant from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) of the American Recovery Act of 2009. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional information regarding the benefit of these funds shall be provided at a presentation by MSHDA at the March 22, 2010 City Council meeting. AND FURTHER that this action is consistent with the Goals and Objectives identified in the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan 2010-2015 that provide the finest services and quality of life and encourages and respects citizen participation providing transparency in all City matters.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution
MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

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

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE

WHEREAS, this Council by resolution has deemed it advisable and necessary for the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the people of the City of Wyandotte, to vacate the hereinafter described land in the City of Wyandotte, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, as a public alley, more particularly described as:

The twenty (20) foot wide public alley abutting the north 120 feet of Lot 4 and all of Lots 5 and 6, Block 55, Plat of Part of Wyandotte in the Township of Ecorse (now City of Wyandotte) Wayne County Mich. Being part of Fractional Sections 28, 32, 33 and Part of Section 29 in T. 3S., R. 11 E., as recorded in Liber 57 of Plats, Page 5, 6 and 7, Wayne County Records.

WHEREAS, due notice has been given of the hearing of objections to said vacation; and

WHEREAS, said hearing having taken place in accordance with such notice, and various objections having been offered, and this Council still being of the opinion that said vacation is advisable; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described alley shall be and the same is hereby declared VACATED as a public alley, reserving to the City of Wyandotte, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Michigan, its successors and assigns forever and in perpetuity from the date hereof, an easement on, over, under, across, and within the twenty (20) foot right-of-way of the above described alley for the purpose of constructing, operating, maintaining and repairing existing and future public utilities, sewers and drains, and that said City of Wyandotte, its contractors, employees, agents successors, assigns and lessees shall at all times have free ingress to and egress from said alley right-of-way, to construct, operate, maintain and repair said existing and future utility lines of every nature, and sewers and drains.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby reserved to the Ameritech, its successors and assigns, an easement on, over, under, across and within said twenty (20) foot wide right-of-way for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating, maintaining, and repairing its existing and future telephone communication system consisting of poles, lines, wires, cables and apparatus; and that said Ameritech, its contractors, employees, agents, successors and assigns shall at all times have full ingress to and egress from said twenty (20) foot wide right-of-way for said purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no structures, or any article or thing whatsoever shall be constructed or maintained on, over, under, across, or within the twenty (20) foot right-of-way of the above described alley except the construction of a hard surface paved area, brick wall along the southern property line and appurtenances by the abutting property owners and that in the exercise of the easement and ingress and egress rights heretofore reserved herein said City of Wyandotte shall not be liable for any injury or damage to, or disturbance of, nor shall it have any duty to pay for or replace, any animate or inanimate improvement on, over, under, across, or within said twenty (20) foot right-of-way.

I move adoption of the following Resolution.

COUNCILPERSON Leonard Sabuda
SUPPORTED BY Daniel E. Galeski
YEAS: Councilpersons DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilperson Browning

Wyandotte, Michigan March 8, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$1,126,616.25 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution
MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski
That we adjourn
Carried unanimously.
Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
March 8, 2010

William Griggs, City Clerk