

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

4/16/2010

Mayor Peterson & City Councilmembers
City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Re: Adoption of Pound Animals on Third Friday

We hope you will find it acceptable for volunteers of City of Wyandotte's Animal Control to again utilize the space located directly in front of city hall for adoption of animals on Third Friday's through the summer.

Last year many residents stopped to talk with us about their pets and the pound in general. Many of our pound animals were able to get adopted into new homes as well. If this space is not occupied and the City of Wyandotte is in agreement to this please let me know. We are eager to conduct adoptions May thru September.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Gratefully,
Kim Skidmore
Volunteer for Wyandotte Animal Control
1170 Grove
Wyandotte, MI 48192
313-910-9485

April 14, 2010

Dear Mayor and Council,

YOU are invited to join the Life-Walk fund-raiser to take place in Wyandotte on Saturday, May 1 beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a short Rally at the Log Cabin at Bishop Park. At 10:30 a.m. we walk through downtown Wyandotte and end with awards and a pizza lunch for all participants.

Our route on the sidewalk passes:

- Wyandotte Hospital, where doctors and nurses are caring for life,
- Knights of Columbus Hall where the Knights are defending life,
- BASF Park Statue of a Wyandot Indian Family celebrating life,
- and all of the time encouraging respect for life from the moment of conception to the last natural breath as we return to Bishop Park.

This year walkers coming from RLM affiliates throughout the Downriver area will participate. We need walkers to get pledges to raise funds that support our pro-life education work in Michigan and Downriver and to continue the TV advertising campaign that includes the Crisis Pregnancy Hotline number: 1-800-57-WOMAN.

Right to Life of Michigan has affiliates in Wyandotte, Southgate, Lincoln Park, Allen Park, Taylor, and southern Downriver. The RLM Resource Office with video, pamphlet and book library can be reached at (734)282-6100. To obtain your pledge sheet and more information call Wyandotte Right to Life at (734)284-8738. Bring your family and friends!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Deborah Bloomfield - Life-Walk Committee
Wyandotte Right to Life, 1638 Eureka
Wyandotte, MI 48192

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Engineer discussed sewers. In some cases no easements, alleys to gain access to said property. This will be an emergency repair. No bidding.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

April 15, 2010

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members,

Attached for your review and approval is a Development Agreement between the Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Wyandotte Art Center LLC (LLC). This agreement was recommended by the ad hoc Art Center Committee at their February 8, 2010 meeting and approved by the DDA at their meeting held on February 9, 2010.

This agreement reimburses the DDA for services rendered in managing the development and renovation of the facility. The payment of this development fee increases the amount of eligible costs that qualify for tax credits but would have no net financial effect when considering both the DDA (developer) and the City (member of LLC). A flowchart is attached (previously distributed to the City Council at the meeting held on December 21, 2009, that summarizes the cash flow of the entire transaction relative to 81 Chestnut and the LLC.

This action is consistent with the Goals and Objectives identified in the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan 2010-2015 that identifies a commitment to the community's quality of life. This collaboration with the DCA to develop a regional art center certainly assists in establishing a unique historic, cultural and visual identity for Wyandotte as a destination city within the region.

The undersigned recommends approval of this Development Agreement.

Sincerely,
Todd A. Drysdale
Director of Financial & Administrative Services

April 15, 2010

The Honorable Joseph R. Peterson & City Council
Wyandotte City Hall 3131 Biddle Avenue Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor Peterson & Members of Council:

We are once again, planning to host our 1920s Spring Speakeasy on June 5th, as a part of our 2010 Heritage Event Series. This event will highlight The City of Wyandotte's role in the days during prohibition.

Model 'A' Cars will be display, along with live music and a 'gaming room', a 1920s fashion show, Charleston lessons, a period film and more! As a component of this event, we are requesting permission to apply for a Special License to serve beer and wine on this day, at the Marx Home Speakeasy.

According to the requirements outlined by the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission, liquor will only be served in the Marx Home and the enclosed area outdoors. The liquor will be served in accordance with all other regulations currently outlined by the Liquor Control Commission.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter, and look forward to the return of this very successful event.

Regards,

Jody Chansuolme, Director of Museums & Cultural Affairs
The City of Wyandotte

Natalie Rankine, Special Projects Coordinator
The City of Wyandotte

April 15, 2010

The Honorable Joseph R. Peterson And City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

In response to the communication from John Patton 111, 2343 18TH Street, Wyandotte to allow weekend hours at the Recycling Center for commercial grass cutters the following applies.

The current hours at the Recycling Center for commercial grass cutters are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The current License Fee is \$50.00 per truck for Wyandotte Businesses of which there were 24 licensed in 2009. The current License Fee for Non-Wyandotte Businesses who service properties in Wyandotte is \$250.00 per truck of which there were three (3) in 2009.

To provide service to commercial grass cutters on the weekend would involve the Department of Public Service (DPS) Employees working on Saturday (see attached). Personnel and equipment cost would be \$706.50 per Saturday. Employee only cost would be \$253.74 per Saturday. There are 23 Saturdays from April 24, 2010 through September 30, 2010. Employee cost for these Saturdays would be \$5,836.02.

If the Wyandotte Business Commercial Grass Cutters' License Fee was increased by \$210.00 per truck and the Non-Wyandotte Businesses Commercial Grass Cutters License Fee was increased by \$275.00 per truck this would generate \$5,865.00 in fees if the same number of companies obtained licenses.

Since current and future City budgets are restrained, I would recommend the fees be increased to \$260.00 for Wyandotte Businesses and to \$525.00 for Non-Wyandotte Businesses if the additional service hours are contemplated.

One (1) no cost alternative would be to extend the commercial grass cutters hours for dumping on Monday through Thursday until close. In discussing this issue with some licensed commercial grass cutters they do the majority of their work from Monday to Thursday and only work on Fridays if they have been rained out on any of the earlier days thus putting them behind on their schedule. They do not work on Saturdays or Sundays and prefer not to as streets and driveways are more congested. This increases their time to complete their work as it is difficult to find parking on the street for their equipment and vehicles are requested to be moved from driveways. Further, some customers do not want them working on Saturdays or Sundays as they are enjoying their yards and do not want to be disturbed. Some commercial grass cutters see no benefit to providing hours on the weekends, but would greatly appreciate extended hours from Monday to Thursday.

Also, I have attached the hours for the Recycling Center and the proposed new hours for your consideration. Further, I recommend the hours at the Recycling Center be extended on Monday through Thursday for the commercial grass cutters.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

April 13, 2010

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members:

On April 7, 2010, proposals for the File #4499 – One (I) Cab and Chassis and Roll-Off Hoist 60,0004 were opened and read out loud. A tabulation of the proposals are as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	TRADE-IN AMOUNT	TOTAL BID
Wolverine Freightliner 3000 William Avenue Ypsilanti, MI 48918	\$159,733.00	\$10,000.00	\$149,733.00
Bell Equipment Company 78 Northpointe Drive Lake Orion, Michigan 48359	\$160,950.00	\$9,500.00	\$151,450.00

The undersigned recommends the acceptance of the proposal from Wolverine Freightliner of Ypsilanti, Michigan, in the amount of \$159,733.00 with a trade in of \$10,000.00 as being the lowest and best bid received meeting specifications.

This recommendation is consistent with the Goals and Objectives identified in the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan 2010-2015 which identifies a commitment to be provide the finest services and quality of life to it residents.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer
Todd A. Drysdale, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

April 14, 2010

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

Dear Mayor Peterson 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.

This recommendation is consistent with the Goals and Objectives identified in the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan 2010-2015 which identifies a commitment to be financial responsible.

The undersigned recommend that this contract extension be approved.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer
Fred Pischke, Superintendent, Department of Recreation, Leisure & Culture

April 14 2010

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

The Engineering and Building Department was successful in acquiring a \$100,000 grant for soil remediation work at the former 2070 Biddle Avenue through the Downriver Community Conference, Downriver Area Brownfield Consortium (DABC) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

One of the requirements for the use of these funds is to allow public input on the project. Therefore, attached is a Resolution scheduling a public hearing for April 26, 2010, to hear comments on the soil remediation at the former 2070 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte.

This recommendation is consistent with the Goals and Objectives identified in the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan 2010-2015 which identifies a commitment to the historical preservation, the establishment of a long-term vision and strategy for preservation planning, and the important of pursuing external funding of historical and legacy initiatives from federal, state, and private sources.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

April 15, 2010

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

The enclosed is a Contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Wyandotte for the asphalt cold milling and resurfacing work including concrete joint repair, concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk ramp work for Third Street from Vinewood to North Line Road (Ford Avenue). The estimated construction cost is \$356,500 of which \$311,000 will be grant funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Program and \$45,500 will be the City's share. The City's share is anticipated to be met by the Engineering Department personnel time spent on the construction engineering.

The project will be bid on May 7, 2010, with a completion date of October 29, 2010.

I recommend the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said Contract.

*Contract on File in the City Clerk's Office

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski City Engineer

April 14, 2010

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

In 2008, the City Council agreed to increase the sales price on vacant lots which are non-buildable and split between the adjacent homeowners from \$100 per front footage to 5200 per front footage. Due to the large inventory of non-buildable lots the undersigned recommends that this price be reduced back to \$100 per front footage.

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 economic development.

If you concur with this recommendation, the attached Resolution will approve same.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer
Colleen A. Keehn, City Assessor

LATE ITEM

April 14, 2010

Joseph R. Peterson, Mayor
City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Honorable Mayor Peterson:

SUBJECT: LETTER OF RESIGNATION

This letter serves as official notification that effective Wednesday, April 14, 2010, I am resigning from the Civil Service Commission due to my recent appointment to the Wyandotte Municipal Service Commission. This will allow me to concentrate my efforts on the Municipal Service Commission while allowing another individual to serve on the Civil Service Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Commission. Please feel free to forward my name and telephone number to the new appointment in the event they have any questions or require any input.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Sadowski, Commissioner

AUTOMATIC REFERRAL:

1. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish requesting traffic control assistance for their May Procession on Monday, May 3, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School on 10th Street, between Vinewood and Pope John Paul II Avenue then proceeding to 12th Street around the median and back to 10th Street. (PERMISSION GRANTED) copies to Police and Fire.
2. VFW Post 1136 requesting permission to conduct their Annual "Buddy Poppy Days" street sales on Thursday, May 6th; Friday, May 7th; and Saturday, May 8th, 2010. (PERMISSION GRANTED). copies to Police and Fire.

REPORTS AND MINUTES

Municipal Service Commission	April 6, 2010
Wyandotte Cultural & Historical Commission	March 11, 2010
Wyandotte Cultural & Historical Commission	April 8, 2010
Downtown Development Authority	April 13, 2010 (DRAFT)
Fire Fighter's Civil Service Commission	March 10, 2010

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

RECESS

RECONVENING

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE ZONING ORDINANCE
TO REZONE THE PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS
123-135-149 FORD AVENUE FROM R2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO PD
(PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT)

THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE ORDAINS:

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE ORDAINS:

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

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 Daniel Galeski
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby GRANTS permission to the Wyandotte Animal Control volunteers to utilize the space directly in front of City Hall for the purpose of adoption of pound animals on Third Friday's throughout the summer provided a Hold Harmless Agreement is executed as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby GRANTS permission to the Wyandotte Right to Life to utilize Bishop Park and downtown streets for their Life-Walk fundraiser on Saturday, May 1, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. provided a Hold Harmless Agreement is executed as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police and Fire Departments be notified of said event.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation of the Director of Financial and Administrative Services to APPROVE the Development Agreement for 81 Chestnut between Wyandotte Art Center LLC and the Downtown Development Authority and further, authorizes the Director of Financial and Administrative Services to sign the agreement on behalf of the Wyandotte Arts Center LLC.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
Supported by Councilperson Todd Browning
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: Councilman Galeski

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Director of Museums and Special Projects Coordinator regarding the 1920's Spring Speakeasy Event to take place on June 5, 2010 at the MacNichols and Marx facilities is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby grants permission to apply for a one-day special license from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the 1920's Speakeasy event being held on June 5, 2010.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the response to John Patton is hereby received and placed on file; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council recommends that the hours for Commercial Grass Cutters be increased on Monday through Thursday until close; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council CONCURS with the new Recycling Center Hours as submitted by the City Engineer. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this should be a trial program with the City Engineer submitting an evaluation for the June 7, 2010, Council meeting.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of the City Engineer and Director of Financial and Administrative Services regarding File # 4499-One (1) Cab and Chassis and Roll-Off Hoist 60,000# and accepts the bid of Wolverine Freightliner of Ypsilanti, Michigan, in the amount of \$149,733.00 which includes the acceptance of the trade-in of one (1) 1999 Mack truck in the amount of \$10,000 from account # 290-448-850-540; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 Daniel Galeski
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer and Superintendent of Recreation, Leisure & Culture 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 Daniel Galeski
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding grant funds from the Downriver Community Conference, Downriver Area Brownfield Consortium; dated April 14, 2010 is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council will hold a public hearing on April 26, 2010, for the purpose of reviewing soil remediation work plan (environmental investigations) and other documents at the former 2070 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the asphalt resurfacing of Third Street from Vinewood to North Line Road (Ford Avenue) is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the Contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Wyandotte accepting \$311,000 in grant funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA); AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Wyandotte commits to the participation share of \$45,500.00 from the Major Street Fund.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Assessor to reduce the sales price of non-buildable City vacant lots which are split between the adjacent homeowners from \$200 per front footage to \$100 per front footage.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Michael J. Sadowski submitting his resignation from the Civil Service Commission is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council accepts his resignation with regret and thanks Mr. Sadowski for his service to the Civil Service Commission.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan April 19, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$1,116,331.26 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
YEAS: Councilmembers: Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
That we adjourn.
Carried unanimously.
Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
April 19, 2010

William R. Griggs, City Clerk