

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

July 21, 2011

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Wyandotte Business Association's 7th Annual Wine Crawl will be held on Friday, August 19, 2011. We are requesting from the City and the County to have Biddle Avenue closed that day from noon until 10pm from Eureka to Oak St.

In working with Chief Grant from our Police Department and Nick Bader from Lademan Insurance, to comply with the Liquor Control Commission conditions regarding the event, we would like the closure. Barricades would be placed at Eureka and Oak like for the Street Art Fair. East side of Biddle: Sycamore would be closed off at 3rd St, Maple, at 3rd St., Elm at the Alley, First St. at Oak, East Side of Biddle: at Elm and Biddle, Maple and Biddle and the Alley on Sycamore between Biddle and VanAlstyne

The safety of our citizens and businesses, plus the expectations from the LCC are our primary concern. Last year our event cleared \$30,000 and this years event promises to be bigger and better with the involvement of many more businesses, Cherry Creek Winery and our own Wyandotte Firefighters.

Thank you for your consideration and support in this event as well as all WBA activities.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Steffensky, Wyandotte Business Association, Executive Director

July 18, 2011

Honorable Mayor Joseph Peterson and City Council
3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Honorable Mayor Peterson and City Council members,

We would like to take this opportunity to commend Melanie McCoy and the Wyandotte Municipal Service Commission for their hard work and forward thinking and thank you and City Council members for approving the Wyandotte ENERGY SMART program for the citizens of Wyandotte. We are very pleased with the outcome of our audit and would like to share the following information with others:

Ecotelligent Homes was selected by the City of Wyandotte as a vendor for the state and federally funded home energy audit project for customers of Wyandotte Municipal Services. The process included a preliminary audit by Jim Arnosky, WMS who evaluated our use of Energy Star rated appliances, light bulbs and shower head followed by a second visit by Amanda Godward, Ecotelligent Homes which included a more extensive evaluation for energy lost throughout our home from major sources such as windows, walls, fireplace, etc. The audit was presented from an educational standpoint and there was never pressure to purchase products in any phase of this project from any parties involved.

Amanda Godward, of Ecotelligent Homes made recommendations that were research based and factually documented relative to our needs as identified through the energy audit she conducted which included a Blower Door test with thermal imaging. As recommendations were defined we researched the products online and all final questions regarding specifications and installation were addressed by Ms. Godward and her Sub-contractor, Above Average Heating and Cooling in a final in-home pre-installation meeting.

Amanda Godward and all sub-contractors were punctual, personable and very professional throughout this project. When the work was completed, (Furnace, Air Conditioner, Basement band insulation and Fireplace Damper) Ms. Godward conducted a follow-up audit to ensure that all work was compliant and met targets/specifications as described and that our home was indeed cost and energy efficient.

We are very pleased with all aspects of this project and give Ms. Godward, Ecotelligent Homes and all Sub-contractors our highest recommendation.

Once again, thank you and know that we appreciate the vision and hard work of our Wyandotte leadership for this cutting edge opportunity (the only one of its kind in the country) and for appropriately vetting skilled and professional vendors.

Sincerely,

Hugh McFarlane Mary McFarlane

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Richard Custer, 505 Pine, regarding Oak Club steak cook out. Great event – great Club. 105 cell phones turned in for over seas soldiers.

WBA, regarding the wine crawl scheduled for August 19, 2011. Price \$20.00. Cherry Creek Winery will be featured

Cathy Herrick, 1774 Maple, no waste management containers during Art Fair. Bring back bag and tag program. Request 3 mills now.

Corkie Benson, 404 Vinewood, bring back bag and tag and recycling is a must, will save City money.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

July 21, 2011

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

I am writing to request your concurrence in the appointment of Wallace Merritt, 1057 – 1St Street, Wyandotte MI 48192, to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Merritt will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sam A. Palamara. His term will expire April 2012.

Thanking you in advance for your support of this appointment, I remain

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Peterson, Mayor

August 5, 2010

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

The City of Wyandotte has been informed by Wayne County that the attached properties can be purchased under the Right of Refusal to Purchase Tax Foreclosed Property. The total cost of acquisition is as follows:

TIFA Area Funds \$95,699.85 UDAG Area Funds \$12,710.98 NSP2 Area Funds \$5,914.10

If you concur with these purchases, the attached resolution will authorize the undersigned to proceed. Please note that Wayne County will inform the City if any of these properties will be removed from this list. Also the Department of Legal Affairs will have to clear title to all of these properties before they can be sold or demolished.

Very truly yours,
Mark A. Kowalewski City Engineer

July 19, 2011

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

On August, 24, 2009, the City Council held in abeyance approving the request from the property owners at 239 and 247 Superior, Wyandotte, regarding construction of a concrete driveway in the vacated alley easement adjacent to their properties. The slip-lining of the sewer is now completed.

Therefore, attached for your approval are two (2) Grant of Licenses and Hold Harmless Agreements which will allow the adjacent property owners to occupy the vacated alley with a concrete driveway. if you concur with this, the attached Resolution will authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said Grant of Licenses. Further, each property owner will be required to pay the recording fee of same.

Very truly yours,
Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

AUTOMATIC REFERRALS:

1. Request from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish for assistance during their annual Polish Festival to be held on Friday, August 26, Saturday, August 27, and Sunday, August 28, 2011. Road Closures; as outlined in their communication. (PERMISSION GRANTED) copies forwarded to Police, Fire and Department of Public Services.

REPORTS AND MINUTES:

Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts	July 5- July 19, 2011
Municipal Service Commission	July 12, 2011
Municipal Service Commission	July 12, 2011
Beautification Commission Meeting	June 22, 2011
Beautification Commission Meeting	June 20, 2011
Building Code Board of Appeals	July 18, 2011

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

RECESS

RECONVENING

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

HEARING

HEARING TO DISCUSS PROPERTY TAX RATES TO
DEFRAY THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE'S
2011-2012 OPERATING EXPENSES

July 8, 2011

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members,

The following City property tax rates are being submitted for your adoption for the 2012 Fiscal Year pursuant to sections 211.23 E and 211.34 D of Michigan Compiled Laws and Public Act 40 of 1995:

City Operating	\$12.0538/Thousand \$ of Taxable Value
Refuse Collection and Disposal	\$ 2.5166/Thousand \$ of Taxable Value
Debt	\$ 2.5166/Thousand \$ of Taxable Value
Drain #5 Operation and Maintenance	\$ 3.4130/Thousand \$ of Taxable Value

The attached resolution will satisfy the above referenced Public Act requirements. Also, the above rates reflect the maximum authorized rates that can be considered.

Please refer to Attachment A for details and the source of said tax levies.

Sincerely,
Todd A. Drysdale, City Administrator

Norma Czarnik, 1758 Cora, inquired about the amount of dollar increase to a \$100,000 home. Supports public safety, this is a high priority. Supports three mill increase. Requests Mayor inform Governor of City reductions to date.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE SALARY FOR THE WYANDOTTE ENGINEER

THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE ORDAINS:

Section 1. City Engineer.

Commencing with the pay period beginning on the effective date of this ordinance and expiring on April 18, 2013, the City Engineer shall receive an annual salary in the sum of \$105,622.40 (subject to adjustment as set forth below) and an annual auto allowance of \$1,000 (to cover in town city business travel expenses) and will receive a travel allowance for the city business conducted outside the City of Wyandotte at the rates as allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

In addition, the City Engineer shall receive benefits identical to the benefits provided other non-union general City employees, including the same health benefits coverage offered to other non-union administrative employees of the city, provided the city engineer makes the same employee co-payment of the premium. The City Engineer's salary will be increased or decreased in the same manner as other non-union general city employees.

Section 2. Repeal.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herein are hereby repealed, only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance takes effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its passage and a summary shall be published in a newspaper circulated in the City of Wyandotte within ten (10) days after the adoption.

On the question "SHALL THIS ORDINANCE NOW PASS?", the following vote was recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

I hereby approve the foregoing ordinance this 25th day of July, 2011.

CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned, JOSEPH R. PETERSON and WILLIAM R. GRIGGS, respectively the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Wyandotte, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Council of the City of Wyandotte, at a regular session thereof on Monday, the 25th day of July, 2011.

Dated July 25, 2011

JOSEPH R. PETERSON, Mayor

WILLIAM R. GRIGGS, City Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

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 James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the request of the Wyandotte Business Association to hold their 7th Annual Wine Crawl on Friday, August 19, 2011, subject to the execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs. AND FURTHER that Council CONCURS in the closure of Biddle Avenue between Oak and Eureka from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. ; including all other road closure requests as set forth in said communication. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service be directed to provide assistance during this event and that the Chief of Police is hereby designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit document on behalf of the City of Wyandotte and further that the City of Wyandotte hereby holds harmless the County of Wayne for the closure of said street with responsibilities for all damage claims that may arise from said street closing to be assumed by the City of Wyandotte and further that a copy be forwarded to the Wyandotte Fire Department.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Hugh and Mary McFarlane relative to the Wyandotte Energy Smart program in the City of Wyandotte is hereby received and placed on file with a copy of said communication forwarded to Melanie McCoy.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of Mayor Peterson as set forth in his communication dated July 21, 2011 to appoint Wallace Merritt, 1057-1st Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192, to the Recreation Commission ; term to expire April 2012.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer dated July 20, 2011, to acquire properties offered to the City of Wyandotte from Wayne County or Tax Foreclosure in the amount of \$95,699.85 from account 492-200-850-519 TIFA Acquisition Fund and \$12,710.98 from account # 294-200-925-791 UDAG; \$5,914.10 from account #101-440-925-755 NSP2; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs the Department of Legal Affairs to clear title on all properties that are received from Wayne County; AND that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said documents; subject to the approval of the Department of Legal Affairs.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the request of the adjacent property owners at 239 and 247 Superior to pave the alley easement be hereby APPROVED provided that the Grant of License and Hold Harmless Agreement documents are executed by both parties. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said Grant License; AND FURTHER that Mr. Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Kilburn shall pay the recording fee of \$24.00 each; and that the Department of Legal Affairs is directed to record the Grant of Licenses.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that whereas the residents along Cora Street between Goddard and Baume Street have complained of cars utilizing their alley as a short cut, via the East and West alley behind Taft School to go south. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said complaint be referred to the Police Chief and Traffic Department to monitor and to place "NO THROUGH TRAFFIC SIGNS" at the entrance of said alley with a report back to City Council in two (2) weeks.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that the Department of Legal Affairs prepare an opinion regarding what oversight the City Council may have under the City Charter of the Department of Municipal Service.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Administrator dated July 8, 2011 submitting the proposed tax rates for the 2012 Fiscal Year is hereby received and made part of the hearing file scheduled for tonight's meeting.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wyandotte has been advised by the City Assessor that the 2011 State Taxable Valuation for property located within the City of Wyandotte is \$580,775,229 as compared to \$631,008,303 State Taxable Valuation for the 2010 tax year plus 2011 additions; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyandotte City Tax Rate of the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2012, shall be set at \$12.0538 operating, \$2.5166 refuse collection and disposal, \$2.5166 debt service (to include \$542,750 related to the construction of the facility to house the Department of Public Service, \$305,389 related to the renovation of the Yack Arena, and \$175,761 related to the construction of a new Police/District Court facility) and \$3.413 for the operation and maintenance of Drain # 5 for a total tax levy of \$20.5000 per thousand dollars assessed valuation of the State Taxable Value.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$2,163,583.09 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec
That we adjourn.
Carried unanimously.
Adjourned at 8:20 PM
July 25, 2011

William R. Griggs, City Clerk