

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 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

October 10, 2011

Mayor Joseph Peterson & City Council Members,

Equipment Material Sales would like to fence off our properties, in the alleyway between 671 Grove and 4035 7th and along the side of 4043 7th. We have been experiencing people trespassing on our property after hours and weekends. The lot beside us, on the 4043 7th side, is a vacant parking lot where someone is continually littering the lot. We have cleaned up dumped building materials from our property on 4035 7th. To end these problems and keep our properties secure, we are asking for a permit to fence these areas.

We would appreciate your attention as soon as possible, as we would like to get the fence in while the weather still permits us to do so.

Thank-You,
Michael Malcho
Lorraine Malcho
Owner/Managers, Equipment Material Sales
671 Grove Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

October 13, 2011

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Wyandotte Business Association would like permission to close Elm St. from First (by Madelyn's) to the Alley on Elm (Joe's Hamburgers, for the October 21st Third Friday Chili Cookoff. That area would be used by the restaurants that will be serving chili for the event. The theater lot will also be used for entertainment and beer. Thank you for your consideration!

Lynn Steffensky, Executive Director - WBA

October 12, 2011

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

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Downtown Development Authority is pleased to announce that our Downtown Mapping Software has formally launched. The software is built upon the Google Maps platform and lists all restaurants, shops, service industries and amenities throughout the Downtown District. Each business listing includes information about the physical street address, phone number, hours and links to business websites. This map is available to view on both computers and smartphones alike.

In addition, this mapping software lists all of the NSP properties and commercial property in the Downtown District. We worked in conjunction with Kelly Roberts and Santina Daly to generate individual listings for each property and we are still gathering information to place all vacant commercial properties in the Downtown District on this map.

We feel that this software will be a useful tool to promote our businesses and the available properties in our district. I will be conducting a brief demonstration of this software at the Council Meeting on Monday.

Thank you once again for your support of this project.

Natalie Rankine, RA
Downtown Development Authority Director

October 12, 2011

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

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Downtown Development Authority is pleased to announce that The Wyandotte Farmers Market apple has won the Viewer's Choice Award for the 2011 Michigan Apple Trail project. Wyandotte captured 30% of the vote, with a total of 19,193 votes in all.

The Apple, one of 20 that were given to farmers markets in Southeastern Michigan, was displayed each Thursday at the Wyandotte Farmers Market. The apple is now on display at Eastern Market in Detroit until the Michigan Apple Trail Gala, which will take place on Friday, October 14th.

The Wyandotte Apple, painted by artist, Nancy Pitel. Pitel is a full-time painter of portraits and fantasy realism and the former director of the Scarb Club and the Downriver Council for the Arts. The apple is an amazing representation of Downtown Wyandotte's sights, events and festive atmosphere. The apple depicts the riverfront, the Farmers Market, parades, fireworks and several downtown attractions.

We thank for your support of this project and the Wyandotte Farmers Market throughout the season.

Natalie Rankine, RA
Downtown Development Authority Director

October 12, 2011

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

Dear Mayor and Council:

On October 11th, 2011, the Downtown Development Authority voted to move forward with the placement of a mural located on what is now City Hall (3131 Biddle Avenue). The mural, which will encompass the South exterior wall, is being jointly funded by the `dAP (`dotte Arts Project) and the DDA and is to be painted by professional muralist/graffiti artist, Brian Melvin. Mr. Melvin has successfully completed several murals throughout Southeast Michigan.

The DDA has selected this building for this project, because it is city-owned and as a result of the demolition of the adjacent building, the exterior face remains unfinished and unsightly. Murals are a unique and economical way to alleviate this kind of problem and add aesthetic value to the Downtown. The Public Art Movement is alive and growing in Downtown Wyandotte and the addition of this mural would add another dimensional piece to our rapidly growing collection of three-dimensional sculpture placed throughout the City.

Please find herewith copies of Mr. Melvin's design concept for the design, as well as a few photographs of Mr. Melvin's work. Mr. Melvin and his team estimate that the mural should take approximately 3 to 4 days to complete.

Contingent upon the Planning Commission and City Council approval, the DDA would like to plan for completion of this project in late October or early November. Our goal is to have the project complete before the DIA Inside Out Art Tour comes to Downtown Wyandotte from April through June of 2012, and as such would need to be completed prior to the cooler weather.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this project. Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Natalie Rankine, RA
Downtown Development Authority Director

October 11, 2011

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

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

This letter serves as a request for the City of Wyandotte to establish Halloween "Trick or Treat" hours from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. on Monday, October 31, 2011. Upon notification of approval of "Trick or Treat" hours, Halloween Trick or Treat Safety Tips, see attached, will be requested to be placed on cable television.

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

Sincerely,
Daniel J. Grant Chief of Police

October 07, 2011

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

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Wyandotte Police Department has been awarded \$19,000.00 as part of the COPS VI Grant program which is administered through the Downriver Community Conference. The award restricts the use of these funds. The Wyandotte Police Department has used the prior COPS Grant funds to maintain the in-car computer systems and video systems.

We are requesting permission to purchase two (2) in-car computers and one (1) in-car video system with the above funds. The vendor for this purchase is OEM Micro Solutions, and since OEM uses a proprietary in-car video system, we are requesting this purchase as a "sole source vendor".

Respectfully,

Daniel J. Grant, Chief of Police

October 10, 2011

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

Re: Former 345 Superior Lot Size: 31' x 150'

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members:

Attached please find two (2) Purchase Agreements:

1. Sell 20 feet of the above captioned property to Scott Blackburn and Sarah Guzik Blackburn, the adjacent property owners, at 353 Superior, Wyandotte, in the amount of \$2,000.00. The combination of the two (2) parcels will result in one (1) parcel measuring 45' x 150'.
2. Sell 11 feet of the above captioned property to Lisa Poma, the adjacent property owner, at 341 Superior, Wyandotte, in the amount of \$1,100.00. The combination of the two (2) parcels will result in one (1) parcel measuring 45' x 150'.

If Council concurs with these sales, the attached Resolution will authorize Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Very truly yours,

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

October 10, 2011

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

Re: Former 1569 Maple Lot Size: 50' x 112'

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members:

Per the City Council Resolution dated September 27, 2011, attached please find two (2) Purchase Agreements:

1. Sell 22.50 feet of the above captioned property to Julie Weinand, the adjacent property owner, at 1577 Maple, Wyandotte, in the amount of \$2,250.00. The combination of the two (2) parcels will result in one (1) parcel measuring 67.50' x 112'.
2. Sell 27.50 feet of the above captioned property to John and Kimberly Harris, the adjacent property owners, at 1563 Maple, Wyandotte, in the amount of \$2,750.00. The combination of the two (2) parcels will result in one (1) parcel measuring 67.50' x 112'.

If Council concurs with these sales, the attached Resolution will authorize Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski
City Engineer

Colleen A. Keehn
City Assessor

REPORTS AND MINUTES

Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts	October 6, 2011
Beautification Commission Meeting	September 14, 2011
Downtown Development Authority	June 2011 through September 2011
Fire Commission	September 13, 2011
Fire Commission	October 11, 2011
Police Commission	September 27, 2011
Police Commission	October 11, 2011

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

RECESS

RECONVENING

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING OF OBJECTIONS FOR A SHOW CAUSE HEARING
ON THE CONDITION OF THE FRONT PORCH AND ROOF
AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2746-9TH STREET

Lisa Shirey, 2746 – 9th, will require \$19,000 of repairs; do not have. File Chapter 13 years ago. Unable to obtain a loan. Could City loan the money to me to make repairs?

Legal Department has some concerns on this issue. Engineer: she does not qualify for UDAG grant money; earns too much money. No NSP2 funds are available.

Richard Miller, 1202 – 2nd, could porch be removed? Engineer said maybe she could just put steps and a hand rail – will investigate possibility.

Held in abeyance for thirty days and referred to the Engineer and Department of Legal Affairs.

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and the same stand APPROVED as recorded without objection.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Equipment Material Sales, LLC 671 Grove Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192 relative to a request to fence in their property in the alleyway between 671 Grove and 4035 -7th along the side of 4043-7th Street is hereby referred to the City Engineer and Department of Municipal Service for a review and report back in four (4) weeks. (November 14, 2011).

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Wyandotte Business Association relative to the Third Friday Chili Cookoff to take place on October 21, 2011 is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council GRANTS permission for the road closure Elm Street from First to the Alley for said event. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Police, Fire, and Department of Public Service be notified.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Downtown Development Authority Director relative to the Downtown Mapping Software is hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Downtown Development Authority Director regarding the Wyandotte Farmers Market Apple Viewer's Choice Award for the 2011 Michigan Apple Trail project is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council congratulates artist, Nancy Pitel for her award winning painting and commends Natalie Rankine for her coordination of this special project.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Downtown Development Authority Director relative to the placement of a mural on the south exterior wall at City Hall, 3131 Biddle Avenue is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council grants permission for same, provided APPROVAL is received from the Planning Commission and Design Review Board and a Hold Harmless Agreement is executed by the artist as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds shall be derived from the DDA Budget in the amount of \$1,500 with the remainder of the funding to come from the DAP ('dotte Arts Project).

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Chief of Police regarding the hours set for "Trick or Treat" is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council CONCURS with the recommendation to set Halloween "Trick or Treat" hours from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2011. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hours and helpful safety tips shall be placed on Municipal Cable.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

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

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Chief of Police relative to the COPS VI Grant Program which is administered through the Downriver Community Conference is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council GRANTS permission for the purchase of two (2) in-car computers and one (1) in-car video system with the grant funds in the amount of \$18,999.96 as outlined in said communication. AND FURTHER that Council CONCURS in purchasing the equipment from OEM Micro Solutions as they are the "sole source vendor".

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

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

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the communication from the City Engineer and City Assessor dated October 10, 2011, regarding the sale of the former 345 Superior, Wyandotte; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council accepts the offer from Scott Blackburn and Sarah Guzik Blackburn to acquire 20 feet of the former 345 Superior in the amount of \$2,000.00; AND BE IT FURTHER REOSLVED that Council accepts the offer from Lisa Poma to acquire 11 feet of the former 345 Superior in the amount of \$1,100.00; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said documents.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

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

NAYS: None

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I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the hearing relative to the condition of the roof and front porch at 2746-9th Street is hereby held in abeyance for four (4) weeks. AND FURTHER that said hearing is hereby referred to the City Engineer and Department of Legal Affairs for a review and report back on November 14, 2011.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$1,587,994.97 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda
That we adjourn.
Carried unanimously
Adjourned at 8:42 PM
October 17, 2011

William R. Griggs, City Clerk