

Wyandotte, Michigan May 7, 2012

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Donald Kuhn, 2098-20th regarding the demolition of his garage is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council grants an extension to Mr. Kuhn until May 1, 2012 to DEMOLISH said garage on the property at 2098-20th.

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS:

4/17/2012

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council

Please accept my resignation from the Wyandotte Beautification Commission effective Monday April 23, 2012.

I want to thank the Mayor and Council in providing me the opportunity to work on the Beautification Commission in helping improving the beautification of Wyandotte.

I have enjoyed my time on the commission.

Sincerely,

Joanne Cuva

April 15, 2012

Mayor Joseph Peterson
Wyandotte City Hall
3131 Biddle Ave
Wyandotte MI 48192

Dear Mayor and City Council,

This letter is to announce my intention to step down from the Wyandotte Beautification Commission at the end of my term April 30, 2012. This coincides with my upcoming retirement from the Wyandotte Public Schools later this spring.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our community on the Commission. Please feel free to call upon me in the future.

Regards,

Alana Paluszewski
2265 20th Street
Wyandotte, MI 48192

4/23/2012

Dear Mayor Peterson and Wyandotte City Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of Shelter to Home Inc, located at 266 Oak St., at the Northeast corner of Oak and Third Streets. We are requesting further consideration regarding item #20 from the council meeting on Monday, April 16th, 2012. This item was pertaining to the angled parking lot, located on 3rd Street, just north of Oak, between the sidewalk and the curb.

Our business is requesting the lot be converted to a City Parking Lot instead of being demolished. Currently, volunteers and patrons of our business use this area for parking. Since our business only has 6 parking spaces allocated in the alley behind our property that are almost always full, without the lot in question, our patrons would be forced to utilize curb-side parking in front of houses in the neighborhood on 3rd north of Oak. We imagine our neighbors would prefer that our business patrons regularly park their cars in an accessible parking lot, instead of in front of their homes.

It would be beneficial to our business, to our patrons, and to the residents in our surrounding properties, for this parking lot to be converted to City Parking.

I kindly thank you for your consideration with this issue.

Sincerely,
 Shelley Bawol, President
 Shelter to Home Inc.
 Animal Rescue Pet Adoption Center, 266 Oak, Wyandotte, MI 48192

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS:

May 3, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
 From: Department of Legal Affairs
 Re: Parking on 3rd Street

Dear Mayor and City Council:

It is my understanding that the angle parking on 3rd Street was not the result of any special assessment but that the construction of the parking was by a private person in accordance with a business parking permit issued by the city engineer in 1954. Although permission was provided to construct and maintain said parking area, I have found no records to indicate that any further rights were provided to the permittee other than to construct and use the area for parking. Therefore, if the city wishes to continue to allow this to be used as a parking space I do not see any reason why the city may not proceed. If the permittee is concerned about responsibility for future maintenance of the parking area. The city could agree to revoke the parking permit that he had requested and therefore he would not have to be concerned about future maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,

Department of Legal Affairs
 LOOK, MAKOWSKI and LOOK, P.C., William R. Look

May 3, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Department of Legal Affairs

Re: Contract with Automated Merchant Services (AMS)

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I have reviewed the contract submitted by AMS and have met with David Fuller concerning the contract provisions. Mr. Fuller has answered all of my concerns and I approve the contract as to form.

Respectfully submitted,
 Department of Legal Affairs
 LOOK, MAKOWSKI and LOOK, P.C.
 William R. Look

May 2, 2012

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members,

Public Act 63 of 2011 outlines the requirements necessary for local communities to receive State Share Revenue under the newly created Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP). This program provides state shared revenue if certain actions are taken by the local community. The EVIP funding, with a maximum annual amount of \$720,000 allocated to our City, replaces Statutory Revenue Sharing which the City previously received over \$1.2 million annually.

One element of the EVIP program was to identify a plan or proposals to increase the existing level of cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation between governmental jurisdictions. The City of Wyandotte filed this plan by the January 1, 2012, deadline and identified the creation of the Downriver Animal Control Services as a collaborative effort that was being pursued. To assist with the creation of this entity, the City of Southgate applied for a grant on behalf of the cities who desired to participate in this cooperative effort. A grant of \$235,000 was awarded to assist with the capital investment necessary to facilitate this consolidation.

Over the past four (4) months, much discussion and negotiation has occurred between the communities relative to the best way to organize and facilitate this service and the use of the grant funding. At this time, the following plan has tentatively been agreed upon as a course of action:

1. Animal Control Officers will be hired as City of Wyandotte employees and serve the member communities in a newly created agency (Downriver Central Control Agency).
2. Member communities will reimburse the City of Wyandotte for their share of the costs incurred in their communities by these employees.
3. The grant funding, reduced to \$143,000, will be used to renovate and construct and facility for animal control in the City of Southgate which is intended to serve member communities other than Wyandotte.
4. The City of Wyandotte Animal Shelter will continue to operate under virtually the same operating model as in the past. It will also serve as an "overflow" facility for the new facility that will serve the other member communities.

Attached for your review and approval is a resolution that authorizes the City of Wyandotte to become a member of the Downriver Central Control Agency. This non-binding resolution will satisfy the requirement necessary to receive the grant awarded to members of the cooperative effort. Further details of the consolidation, including the budget and inter-local operating agreement, will be forthcoming after notification is received from all cities committed to the project.

Sincerely, Todd A. Drysdale, City Administrator

May 2, 2012

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 adoption is a Fund Deficit Elimination Plan related to the Cable Television Fund. This plan is required by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The undersigned recommends that the Commission adopt the Fund Deficit Elimination Plan as outlined in the attached letter to the Local Audit and Finance Division of the Michigan Department of Treasury.

If you should have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Paul L. LaManes
Assistant General Manager, Wyandotte Municipal Services

April 24, 2012

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

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 2012-03

After review, the Traffic Bureau recommends the installation of "Handicap Parking" signs at 432 Poplar St., 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 2012-03 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

May 1, 2012

The Honorable Mayor Peterson and City Council
City Hall
Wyandotte, Michigan

Sidewalk Trip Hazard at 1685 20th Street

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members:

The Engineering Department reviewed the request of Ms. Lisa Decker at 1685 20th Street caused by the roots growing under the sidewalk and creating the trip and fall hazard. The City of Wyandotte has long had the policy of requiring the property owners of sidewalks adjacent to city owned trees be responsible for the repairs needed due to, tree roots raising the sidewalks.

On February 8, 1989, William Look, from the Department of Legal Affairs was also of the opinion that even though the tree roots from a City owned tree may have caused the sidewalk section to be raised, it still does not excuse the property owner from replacing the sidewalk when it is in a hazardous condition (see attached letter).

Therefore, the sidewalks will be removed by the City's contractor, Alastra Construction, and a bill sent to the property owner.

Sincerely,
Mark Kowalewski, City Engineer

May 2, 2012

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

Enclosed is an Agreement for Architectural Services with Daly Real Estate Services, Inc. The Agreement includes the redesign and renovation of the entire third floor (10,500 square feet) of the Chase Bank, 3200 Biddle Avenue, for the City's new Council Chambers, Mayor's Office, Municipal Services Studio, Finance/City Administration Office's, Wyandotte Business Association (WBA), Special Events and related uses. Services also include coordination of new furniture for all new City Offices on the first, second and third floors.

The fee for said work is \$35,091.00 or 7% of the estimated total construction cost (\$397,000) and furniture (\$104,300).

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

Very truly yours,
Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

REPORTS AND MINUTES

Downtown Development Authority

April 26, 2012

AUTOMATIC REFERRAL:

1. Request from the City of Wyandotte Post # 1136 Veterans of Foreign Wars, to conduct Annual "BUDDY POPPY DAYS", street sales on Thursday, May 10th , Friday, May 11th , Saturday, May 12th, 2012. (PERMISSION GRANTED) copies to POLICE, FIRE, DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS (Hold Harmless)

2. Request from PAV Post 95 to sell blue poppies in the City of Wyandotte on June 8th, 9th and 10th; and June 13th, 14th, 15th, 2012. (PERMISSION GRANTED) copies to POLICE, FIRE, DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS (Hold Harmless)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

RECESS

RECONVENING

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan May 7, 2012

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. 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 E. Galeski
 Supported by Councilperson Todd M. Browning
 ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan May 7, 2012

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the demolition of the garage at 2098-20th Street is referred to the City Engineer and City Attorney to obtain bids for the demolition of the garage, obtain title work and enter into an Indemnity Agreement with the owner for repayment of all the cost with a report back to Council.

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

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Joanne Cuva submitting her resignation from the Wyandotte Beautification Commission is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Council accept her resignation with regret and thanks Mrs. Cuva for her many years of service to the community in many capacities including her years of dedication to the Wyandotte Beautification Commission.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan May 7, 2012

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Alana Paluszewski, 2265-20th submitting her resignation from the Wyandotte Beautification Commission is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Council accept her resignation with regret and thanks Mrs. Paluszewski for her service to the Commission and extends best wishes of health and happiness to her and her family as she retires from the Wyandotte Public School System.

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

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Shelley Bawol, President, Shelter to Home Inc.; 266 Oak Street relative to the preservation of the angle parking located at the northeast corner of Oak and Third Street is hereby referred to the City Engineer.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Department of Legal Affairs relative to the angle parking on 3rd Street is hereby held in abeyance for one (1) month and referred to the City Engineer and Chief of Police for a review and report back.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Department of Legal Affairs pertaining to the agreement with Automated Merchant Services as submitted by David Fuller, Director of Information Technology is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement and FURTHER that David Fuller, Director of Information Technology is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Wyandotte in any manner needed relative to this agreement.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council WHEREAS, the history of collaboration of the Downriver Communities began in 1968 with the creation of the Downriver Community Conference and; WHEREAS, that in order for the City of Wyandotte to continue to offer residents world class service in the most cost efficient manner the Cities are desirous to enter into an inter-local agreement; and WHEREAS, the five (5) communities of Southern Wayne County, including the City of Wyandotte are committed to collaborating to maximize efficiency and reduce redundancies; and WHEREAS, in order to increase the hours that the service is available it is imperative that the Cities combine resources and reduce future capital costs; and WHEREAS, under State of Michigan Public Act 63 of 2011 in order to qualify for Revenue Sharing communities must create and execute a shared service plan; and WHEREAS, it appears that it would be in the mutual interest for the Cities of Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Southgate, and Wyandotte to begin providing regionalized animal control services; and WHEREAS, the future of our collective communities is based on our ability to enter into cooperative agreements to increase residential services and reduce long term costs. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in accordance with the terms outlined in the EVIP Grant the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, being the legislative body of the City of Wyandotte, hereby agrees to become a member of the "Downriver Central Control Agency".

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

Supported by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

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

NAYS: Councilman Galeski

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the request for Council action as submitted by Paul LaManes, Assistant General Manager of Municipal Service relative to the Municipal Service Cable Television Fund Deficit Elimination Plan is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council CONCURS with the Wyandotte Municipal Service Commission in authorizing the adoption of the Cable Fund Deficit Elimination Plan and that the Assistant General Manager be and hereby is directed to make any necessary filings of the Deficit Elimination Plan to ensure compliance with accounting requirements. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a progress report shall be submitted every six (6) months.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

Supported by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

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

NAYS: Councilman Galeski

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation of the Chief of Police and Police and Fire Commission as set forth in Traffic Control Order 2012-03 to install "Handicap Parking" signs at 432 Poplar Street, Wyandotte. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service be directed to install said signs.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

Supported by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

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

NAYS: None

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding Ms. Lisa Decker, 1685-20th Street as it relates to the tree roots from a city-owned tree and the sidewalk section being raised is hereby received and placed on file; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is no action needed on 1685-20th Street as it relates to roots from a city-owned tree and the concrete sidewalk.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

Supported by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan May 7, 2012

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the Architectural Services for the redesign and renovations of the entire third floor and coordination of new furniture at the Chase Building, 3200 Biddle Avenue is hereby received and placed on file; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer to hire Daly Real Estate Services, Inc. for the redesign and renovations of the entire third floor and coordination of new furniture for all offices at the Chase Building, 3200 Biddle Avenue in the amount of \$35,091.00 funded from account # 295-200-825-355; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this account be amended by adding \$620,000 from fund balance to account for upcoming expenditures; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Service agreement with Daly Real Estate Services, Inc., for the redesign and renovations of the entire third floor and coordination of office furniture at the Chase Building, 3200 Biddle Avenue.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

Supported by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

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

NAYS: None

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$345,114.91 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 E. Galeski

Supported by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

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

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Daniel E. Galeski

Supported by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

That we adjourn.

Carried unanimously

Adjourned at 9:20 PM

May 7, 2012

William R. Griggs, City Clerk