

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

Regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, the Honorable Mayor Pro Tempore Lawrence S. Stec presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

January 24, 2013

Honorable Mayor Peterson and Wyandotte City Council Members;

The City of Wyandotte and most of southeast Michigan has a very large concentration of veterans. Over the past several years the Veterans Service Officers from the American Legion Post #217, the V.F.W. Post #1136 and the Marine Corps League Detachment #153, all organizations of Wyandotte, have helped hundreds of veterans with their claims for disability compensation or pensions. In doing so, these local veterans who have been awarded financial compensation are able to return those compensation dollars back into our local community.

Many of our local disabled veterans are in a limited financial situation and one glaring problem that exists is the fact that their VA compensation is counted as income when they apply for assistance from the Department of Human Services. While the Federal Government classifies this compensation as exempt from income, the State of Michigan does not.

We have formed a coalition of veterans from service organizations in the City of Wyandotte hereby named the Wyandotte Veterans Task Force. We will work together with officials of the 14th District, State and Federal legislatures to assist in changing this practice in Michigan.

Therefore, we strongly urge the Mayor and Council to support our efforts in changing the way our state views veteran's disability compensation. In doing so, many other avenues of assistance may become available to our veterans in all of Michigan and specifically in Wyandotte and the downriver area.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Woodruff

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Chairman, American Legion Post #217, V.F.W. Post #1136  
Marine Corps League #153

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Jerry Kupser, 1830 19<sup>th</sup>, welcome to new City Hall!

Kevin VanBoxell, 1271 – 12<sup>th</sup>, Veterans thank Council for help.

Mr. Pizzo, builder, involved in new City Hall.

Richard Miller, 1202 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, had Councilman DeSana move closer to mike.

John Dering, Wyandotte Jaycees, welcome to new building and thanked Mayor and Council for their support for Santa House.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

January 24, 2013

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

As stated in the Premises of the District Library Agreement, the District Library shall be governed by a board consisting of five members, two of which will be appointed by the School District, two appointed by the City, and one to be selected at large by the four appointed members.

As you know, Judith Kresin, one of our representatives on the District Library Board, passed away unexpectedly last month. This communication is to request your concurrence in the appointment of James Kresin, 1847 - 15th Street, Wyandotte, fulfilling Judy's term on the District Library Board, which would have expired June 30, 2014.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, Joseph R. Peterson, Mayor

January 24, 2013

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 following appointments to the Cultural and Historical Commission:

Jan Nagel, 249 Vinewood, Wyandotte MI 48192. Ms. Nagel will replace Stanley Rutkowski who resigned last month. Her term will expire December 2016.

Shirley Prygoski, 3301 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte MI 48192. Mrs. Prygoski will replace Thomas Woodruff who resigned last month. Her term will expire December 2014.

Thanking you in advance for your support of these appointments, I remain

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Peterson, Mayor

**CITY OF WYANDOTTE REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****MEETING DATE: January 28, 2013****AGENDA ITEM #4****ITEM: Wyandotte Street Art Fair Entertainment – Fifty Amp Fuse Contract****PRESENTER:** Heather A. Thiede, Special Event Coordinator**INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Heather A. Thiede, Special Event Coordinator

**BACKGROUND:** Please find the attached contract for Fifty Amp Fuse to provide entertainment at the Wyandotte Street Art Fair (WSAF) on July 11th and 12th 2013. They will perform four (4) hour sets each night with a ten piece band. During the 2012 WSAF Fifty Amp Fuse performed for two nights and it increased our beverages sales immensely. We feel that this group will once again 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.

**STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:** The City of Wyandotte hosts several quality of life events throughout the year. These events serve to purpose the goals of the City of Wyandotte by bringing our community together with citizen participation and supporting the local businesses and non-profit organizations.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** We feel that Fifty Amp Fuse will once again provide excellent service and request your support of this contract.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS & ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

Account: 285-225-925-730-860 – Wyandotte Street Art Fair           \$13,000

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:** The resolutions and all necessary documents will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and return to the Special Event Coordinator

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** Concur with recommendation, signature on file.

**LEGAL COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION:** Concur with recommendation, approval on file.

**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** Concur with recommendation, signature on file

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:** Fifty Amp Fuse Contract 2013**CITY OF WYANDOTTE REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****MEETING DATE: January 28, 2013****AGENDA ITEM #5****ITEM: City Purchasing 2337 – 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Wyandotte****PRESENTER: Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer****INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

**BACKGROUND:** This property is an eyesore in the neighborhood. The property sits on the front part of the property and requires extensive repairs. The property became available for the City to purchase for \$25,000.00.

**STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:** City is committed to maintaining and developing excellent neighborhoods by enabling and empowering neighborhood organizations and associations, matching tools and efforts to the conditions in city neighborhoods, tracking infrastructure conditions in all neighborhoods. The city will work to establish and sustain the quality of street lighting, sidewalks, curbs, gutters and pavement, continuing neighborhood renewal projects, where needed, in order to revitalize structures and infrastructures in residential and commercial areas

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approve the Purchase Agreement for the City to acquire the property and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS & ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 492-200-850-519 Land Acquisition.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:** Mayor and City Clerk execute the Purchase Agreement. Close on the property and demolish property.

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** n/a

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** ok TDrysdale

**LEGAL COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION:**

**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** ok JRP by TDrysdale

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:** Acquisition Tool and Purchase Agreement

**CITY OF WYANDOTTE REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**MEETING DATE:** January 28, 2013

**AGENDA ITEM #6**

<b>ITEM:</b> Demolitions for RFP dated January 3, 2013
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**PRESENTER:** Mark A. Kowalewski - City Engineer

**INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mark A. Kowalewski - City Engineer

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Wyandotte in an effort to remove blighted houses and open space for future development solicited bids on January 3, 2013, for ten (10) properties. These bids were received on January 3, 2013, and Pro Excavation was determined to be the most qualified bid. See attached bids.

**STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:** NA

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Adopt a resolution concurring with the City Engineer selecting Pro Excavation as the contractor of record.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS & ACCOUNT NUMBER:** Expense the work form Account No. 492-200-850-519.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:** The resolutions and all necessary documents will be forwarded to Pro Excavation directing them to begin ACM abatement and demolition.

**CITY ENGINEER:**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** ok TDrysdale

**LEGAL COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION:**

**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** ok JRP by TDrysdale

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

Summary of bids from Pro Excavation, 21st Century Salvage, Homrich, and International Construction

**CITY OF WYANDOTTE REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****MEETING DATE: January 28, 2013****AGENDA ITEM #7****ITEM:** Neighborhood Stabilization Homes (NSP2) – Sales Price**PRESENTER:** Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer**INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

**BACKGROUND:** In order to meet the NSP2 Grant requirements, we must pre-list the last two (2) NSP2 homes at 451 Ford and 459 Ford before construction is completed. These homes will have all the same amenities as the other NSP2 homes including geothermal. These two (2) homes are similar to the homes built at 247 and 257 Walnut. An appraisal has been performed by Silverwood Appraisal which indicates the following:

	<u>Appraised Value</u>
451 Ford Avenue	\$108,000.00
459 Ford Avenue	\$108,000.00

One (1) of these units must be available for a buyer that meets 50% of AMI and one (1) of the units can be sold to someone at or below 120% AMI. These properties will be sold in compliance with the Sales Policy.

Also enclosed is the Low Income Set Aside (LISA) Spreadsheet, which indicates that the City will meet the 25% set aside requirement.

**STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:** By fostering the revitalization and preservation of older areas of the City as well as developing, redeveloping new areas. Ensuring that all new developments will be planned and designed consistent with the city's historic and visual standards; have a minimum impact on natural areas; and, have a positive impact on surrounding areas and neighborhoods. Also by promoting the finest in design, amenities and associated infra-structure improvements in all new developments

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Adopt a resolution approving the listing of the homes at 451 Ford Avenue and 459 Ford Avenue with Downriver Real Estate Group for the above amounts.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS & ACCOUNT NUMBER:** N/A

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:** List the homes with Downriver Real Estate Group, since the homes are in the construction phase, the plans for these homes will be available for viewing in the Offices of Downriver Real Estate Group at 1644 Ford Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan. The Lottery Drawing will be held on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** N/A**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** OK TDrysdale**LEGAL COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION:****MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** ok JRP by TDrysdale**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS** LISA Report

**CITY OF WYANDOTTE REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****MEETING DATE:** January 15, 2013**AGENDA ITEM #8****ITEM:** Special Assessment District #935**PRESENTER:** Mark Kowalewski - City Engineer**INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE:** NA

**BACKGROUND:** In accordance with Chapter XIV - Subdivision No. 2, Paragraph 222, Section 14 of the City Charter, sidewalk repairs have been made to public walks within the City and the cost of said repairs should be charged against the abutting properties. The area of this work was 6th Street to Biddle Avenue from Grove Street to Eureka Avenue and also Goddard Road to Ford Avenue from Electric Avenue to 15th Street.

**STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:** NA

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Upon determination that the cost of the work should be charged to the respective parcels by Special Assessment, the enclosed list should be reported by the City Clerk to the City Assessor for assessment.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS & ACCOUNT NUMBER:** Said costs shall be paid by the abutting property owners.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:** Costs of the work shall be paid by the property owners within 5 years beginning in July of 2013.

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** n/a**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** OK TDrysdale**LEGAL COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION:****MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** ok JRP by TDrysdale**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:** Assessment Roll.**REPORTS AND MINUTES:**

Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts	January 9-17, 2013	\$254,646.13
Police Commission Meeting	January 8, 2013	
Police Commission Meeting	January 22, 2013	
Beautification Commission	November 14, 2012	
Beautification Commission	January 9, 2013	
Fire Commission	January 22, 2013	
Fire Commission	January 8, 2013	
Cultural & Historical Commission	January 10, 2013	
Retirement Commission Meeting	January 16, 2013	
Municipal Service Commission	January 8, 2013	

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

None

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RECONVENING

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

HEARING

HEARING RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED  
PROJECTS FOR THE 2012-2013 COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Nothing in writing

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

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 Dan Galeski  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Tom Woodruff, Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, Chairman; representing the Wyandotte Veterans Task Force relative to efforts to change the manner in which the State of Michigan views Veteran's disability compensation is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council pledge their support to this effort and will assist in any way possible to achieve an income exempt status for Veterans residing in the downriver area and entire State of Michigan.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda  
Supported by Councilperson Dan Galeski  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation set forth in Mayor Peterson's communication dated January 24, 2013 to appoint James Kresin, 1847-15th Street to the District Library Board.

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

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation set forth in Mayor Peterson's communication dated January 24, 2013 to appoint the following the Wyandotte Cultural and Historical Commission: Jan Nagel, 249 Vinewood, Wyandotte, MI. 48192; term to expire December 2016 and Shirley Prygoski, 3301 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte MI. 48192; term to expire December 2014.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

Supported by Councilperson Dan Galeski

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

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council APPROVES the engagement contract with Fifty Amp Fuse in the amount of \$13,000 to perform at the Wyandotte Street Art Fair on July 11th and 12th, 2013 as submitted by the Special Events Coordinator. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the City of Wyandotte.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

Supported by Councilperson Dan Galeski

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

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 2337-8th Street in the amount of \$25,000 to be appropriated from TIFA Area Funds; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs, William R. Look is hereby directed to prepare and sign the necessary documents and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Purchase Agreement; AND FURTHER that the City Engineer is directed to DEMOLISH same upon completion of the Wyandotte Historical Commission inspection of the home as it pertains to the preservation of historical and cultural items for the City of Wyandotte.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

Supported by Councilperson Dan Galeski

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

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer and hereby authorizes the acceptance of Pro Excavation's bid of \$45,000 for Section 1, \$32,900 for Section 2 and \$24,700 for Section 3 for the demolition of various properties in the City of Wyandotte.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

Supported by Councilperson Dan Galeski

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

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer to list for sale the NSP2 property at 451 Ford Avenue and 459 Ford Avenue. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Plans will be available for viewing at the office of Wyandotte Real Estate Group, 1844 Ford Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan prior to the Lottery Drawing on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers located at 3200 Biddle Avenue; 3rd floor.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

Supported by Councilperson Dan Galeski

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

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that the sidewalk repair costs as reported by the City Engineer are hereby referred to the City Assessor to make a Special Assessment Roll for SAD # 935 (2012 sidewalk repairs); area of work was 6th Street to Biddle Avenue from Grove Street to Eureka Avenue and also Goddard Road to Ford Avenue from Electric Avenue to 15th Street; and report the assessment to the City Council; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Assessor is directed to complete all the required documentation.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

Supported by Councilperson Dan Galeski

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

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the proposed projects for the 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant Program which includes Street Improvements; Public Service; Youth Assistance; Housing Rehabilitation; and Administration as recommended by the City Engineer at the January 28, 2013, Public Hearing; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Final Statement be published in the Heritage Newspaper.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

Supported by Councilperson Dan Galeski

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

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan January 28, 2013

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$2,532,803.59 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 Dan Galeski

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

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda  
Supported by Councilperson Dan Galeski  
That we adjourn.  
Carried unanimously  
Adjourned at 8:01 PM  
January 28, 2013

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William R. Griggs, City Clerk