

CITY OF WYANDOTTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Session of the Wyandotte City Council was held in Council Chambers, on Monday, December 14, 2015, and was called to order at 7:00pm, Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call.

Present: Councilpersons Fricke, Miciura, Sabuda, Schultz, and VanBoxell

Absent: Councilperson Galeski; Thomas Woodruff, City Assessor; Todd Browning, City Treasurer

Also Present: William Look, City Attorney; Mark Kowalewski, City Engineer; and Lawrence Stec, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Eula Grooms and the Cultural & Historical Commission to thank Jody Egan for her years of dedication and service as the Museum Director in Wyandotte.

Communication from USPS Facilities Vice President, Tom A. Samra, regarding the relocation of the Wyandotte, Michigan Post Office currently located at 166 Oak Street to 3099 Biddle Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

NEW BUSINESS (ELECTED OFFICIALS)

Councilperson Fricke: Question to City Administrator regarding Assessor Fuoco Services and Downriver Assessing Contract.

Councilperson Fricke: Question regarding the cost of totes and why there are rental fees associated with their usage.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

AGENDA ITEM #1

Communication from Mayor, Joseph R. Peterson, regarding the re-appointment of Kurt Kobiljak as City Prosecutor.

AGENDA ITEM #2

Communication from City Administrator, Todd Drysdale, regarding the hiring of Joseph K. Gruber as the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Communication from City Administrator, Todd Drysdale, regarding the agreement between the City of Wyandotte and the IAFF Local #356.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Communication from City Administrator, Todd Drysdale, regarding the agreement between the City of Wyandotte and the COAM Wyandotte Command Officer's Bargaining Unit.

AGENDA ITEM #5

Communication from City Administrator, Todd Drysdale, regarding the agreement between the City of Wyandotte and the POAM Wyandotte Patrol Officer's Bargaining Unit.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Communication from City Administrator, Todd Drysdale, regarding wage increases for full-time, non-union employees.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Communication from Police Chief, Daniel J. Grant, regarding police department rank structure changes and promotions.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Communication from Police Chief, Daniel J. Grant, regarding the hiring of two police officers, Kyle Runyon and Nathan Hiske.

AGENDA ITEM #9

Communication from Police Chief, Daniel J. Grant, regarding the purchase of three vehicles for the WPD.

AGENDA ITEM #10

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, requesting approval of the Wyandotte Street Art Fair Artist and Crafter Applications.

AGENDA ITEM #11

Communication from the Planning Commission Chairperson, Elizabeth Krimmel, requesting approval of Stage I and Stage II Final Site Plan as submitted by Oak Street Condo Projects, LLC, Owner, and Runkle Architecture, for the property at the southwest corner of 2nd and Oak Streets.

- Jack Runkle, Architect, in attendance to speak to/answer questions from Mayor and Council.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Communication from City Engineer, Mark A. Kowalewski, and City Administrator, Todd Drysdale, regarding the redevelopment of McKinley School Site

- Joe DiSanto, Coachlight Properties, and Joe Voszatka in attendance to speak to/answer questions from Mayor and Council.

LATE ITEM #13

Communication from Chairperson of the Evening, Councilperson Fricke, regarding the discontinuation and dismissal of the Show Cause Hearing on the Foundation at the S.W. corner of Oak and 2nd Streets due to the progress from the owner and developer.

LATE ITEM #14

Communication from Barnhart Crane and Rigging Co. Project Manager, Forrest W. Brown, III, requesting approval to use city-owned streets to transport a transformer to the Municipal Services Yard.

REPORTS AND MINUTES

City Council	December 7, 2015
Daily Cash Receipts	December 9, 2015
Downtown Development Authority	Sept. 2015, Oct. 2015 & Nov. 2015
Fire Commission	October 27, 2015
Police Commission	October 27 & November 24, 2015

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Chris Calvin, 466 Sycamore, regarding parliamentary law and McKinley School value.

Mark Woodward, 301 Riverside, regarding post office relocation and council conduct.

Philip Dolan, 4093 17th Street, regarding tax breaks.

Rene Tarnowski, 2312 1st Street, regarding the definition of OPRA and McKinley discussion questions.

HEARING

SHOW CAUSE HEARING SCHEDULED FOR PROPERTY AT S.W.
CORNER OF OAK & 2ND STREET WAS DISMISSED.
SEE RESOLUTION BELOW

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBPARAGRAPH (a) OF SECTION 38.1-18 ENTITLED
‘SEWAGE DISPOSAL CHARGES’ OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
WYANDOTTE”

RECESS**RECONVENE**

Present: Councilpersons Fricke, Miciura, Sabuda, Schultz, and VanBoxell and Mayor Peterson

Absent: Councilperson Galeski; Thomas Woodruff, City Assessor; Todd Browning, City Treasurer

Also Present: William Look, City Attorney; Mark Kowalewski, City Engineer; and Lawrence Stec, City Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held under the date of December 7, 2015, be approved as recorded, without objection.
Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of Mayor Peterson to retain the prosecutorial services of Kurt Kobiljak of Pentiuik, Couvreur & Kobiljak, for a two year period commencing January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. The terms of the agreement will be an all-inclusive fixed fee of \$2,500 per month, plus incidental expenditures. Funds to come from Account Number 101 136 825 331.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement from Kurt Kobiljak of Pentiuik, Couvreur & Kobiljak.
Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda
BE IT RESOLVED that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the City Administrator regarding the hiring for the Director of the Downtown Development Authority;
AND
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approves the recommendation of the City Administrator to hire Joseph K. Gruber for this position at salary level 33D subject to the successful completion of a physical and drug screen examination.
Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of the City Administrator and APPROVES the tentative agreements between the City of Wyandotte and IAFF Local #356; AND
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council instructs the City Administrator to prepare the collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020;
AND
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute said agreement.
Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of the City Administrator and APPROVES the tentative agreements between the City of Wyandotte and Command Officer's Association of Michigan (COAM) Wyandotte Police Command Officer's Bargaining Unit; AND
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council instructs the City Administrator to prepare the collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020;
AND
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute said agreement.
Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of the City Administrator and APPROVES the tentative agreements between the City of Wyandotte and Patrol Officer's of Michigan (POAM) Wyandotte Police Patrol Officer's Bargaining Unit;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council instructs the City Administrator to prepare the collective bargaining agreement for period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020; AND
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute said agreement.
Motion carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda
BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of the City Administrator and APPROVES the general increase of 3.5% for all eligible full-time, non-union employees effective January 1, 2016.
Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the determination that the promotion of three Sergeants will assist with the current Command Structure on the 4 platoons of the Police Department's 12-hour shifts and in the Detective Bureau, the Council authorizes the filling of such positions: AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Department is authorized to commence with the promotional process to fill 2 vacant Lieutenant positions.

FURTHER, subsequent to a written examination, an interview panel, and calculations of seniority which were taken into consideration in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement, the next Sergeant promotions are to be awarded to Det. Rick Weise, Ofcr. Jeff Powers, and Ofcr. Jerry Conz,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is granted to make said promotions.

Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the determination that vacancies exist for the position of Police Officer and the Council authorizes the filling of such vacancies, AND

FURTHER RESOLVED that subsequent to a written examination, physical agility test, interview panel, and background investigation conducted by the Police Department, candidates Kyle Runyon and Nathan Hiske are being offered employment as probationary Police Officers contingent upon their successful completion of physical, drug screen, and psychological examinations.

Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the Chief of Police to purchase two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe police package patrol vehicles from Shaheen Chevrolet Inc. which is the dealership awarded the contract for the Lansing Police Dept. and one (1) Ford Explorer from Gorno Ford which has been awarded the State of Michigan contract. The pricing for these purchases will be as noted on the submitted price quotes, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this expenditure will be paid from our Vehicle account 101-301-850-530.

Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Special Events Coordinator to approve the 2016 Wyandotte Street Art Fair Artist and Crafter Applications.

Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

WHEREAS on October 15, 2015 and November 19 2015, the Planning Commission held the public hearing and notice was placed in the New Herald. Comments were received including a letter from the City Engineer; AND

WHEREAS the Planning Commission approved the Stage I and Stage II Final Site Plan for the property at the southwest corner of 2nd and Oak Street, Wyandotte; AND

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the Stage I and Stage II Final Site Plan as submitted by Oak Street Condo Projects, LLC, Owner and Runkle Architecture, for the property at the southwest corner of 2nd and Oak Streets to be used as four (4) unit attached townhouse condominium units with the requirements set forth in the Zoning Ordinance Section 1655.

Approval includes Runkle Architecture Landscape Plan LS-1.0, Site Plan AS-1.0, Lower Level Floor Plan A-1.1, Upper Level Floor Plan A-1.2, and Elevations A-2.1, A2.2 all dated December 10, 2015. Approval includes Stanley & Associates Site Development Plan/Landscape Plan labeled as 1 of 3, 2 of 3 and 3 of 3, dated October, 2005.

Acceptance of Final Site Plan is conditioned on future submittal of elevation and landscape plans for the two (2) three (3) unit buildings on the southern part of the Site Plan to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation t a public hearing with submittal to City Council for approval.

Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from the City Engineer and City Administrator regarding the sale of the former McKinley School Site at 640 Plum Street is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council acknowledge that Coachlight Properties, LLC, will request an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Exemption and a Brownfield Plan to be included in any future purchase agreement between the city and the LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this matter is referred back to the City Engineer and City Attorney to negotiate a purchase agreement on or before January 25, 2016, to be presented to the City Council. There will be no charge to Coachlight Properties to continue under the letter of intent; AND

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution does not obligate the City of Wyandotte to enter into a purchase agreement with Coachlight Properties, LLC.

YEAS: Councilpersons Fricke, Sabuda, Schultz, VanBoxell & Mayor Peterson

NAY: Councilperson Miciura

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

WHEREAS, a show cause hearing was held on June 15, 2015 where all parties were given an opportunity to appear to have their attitude expressed in support of or in opposition of the removal of foundation structures at Oak Street and 2nd Street, Wyandotte, Michigan, or why said structure should not be demolished, removed, or otherwise made safe, AND

WHEREAS, said hearing was held in abeyance for thirty (30) days; (July 20, 2015); three weeks (August 10, 2015), one week (August 17, 2015), two months (October 19, 2015), seven weeks (December 7, 2015) and one week (December 14, 2015).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wyandotte discontinue and dismiss the Show Cause Hearing on the Foundation at Oak and 2nd Streets (S.W. Corner) due to the progress from the Owner and Developer.

Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council APPROVES Barnhart Crane and Rigging Co. to access the City-owned streets known as 13th Street from Pennsylvania to Grove to 11th Street in the City of Wyandotte for transport of overweight and oversized transformer to the Wyandotte Municipal Services yard; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Hold Harmless agreement as prepared by the Engineering Department is completed and filed with the Clerk's office and a Certificate of Insurance is submitted and approved by the Department of Legal Affairs.

Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

RESOLVED by the City Council that the City Assessor is directed to submit a report to the City Council for the January 11th, 2016 meeting which report shall contain recommendations to the city to address the mandates raised by the State of Michigan to come into full compliance with the state requirements and to propose a plan to meet those requirements.

Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$800,541.81 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

Motion unanimously carried.

By Councilperson Fricke, supported by Councilperson Sabuda

RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk