

CITY OF WYANDOTTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Session of the Wyandotte City Council was held in Council Chambers, on Monday, February 1, 2016, and was called to order at 7:00pm with Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Leonard T. Sabuda presiding.

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

Present: Councilpersons Galeski, Miciura, Schultz, and VanBoxell

Absent: Mayor Joseph R. Peterson and Councilperson Fricke

Also Present: Thomas Woodruff, City Assessor; Todd Browning, City Treasurer; William Look, City Attorney; Mark Kowalewski, City Engineer; and Lawrence Stec, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

Wilson Middle School student presentation regarding the Verizon Innovative App Challenge. The "Protect Our Parks" app was the 2015-2016 Best in State Winner. There is a prize of \$20,000 for Wilson Middle School and a trip to Memphis for the group that created the app.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #1 (2016-32 & 2016-33)

Communication from City Administrator, Todd A. Drysdale, regarding the Lease agreement between the City of Wyandotte and the DCA for the Wyandotte Art Center at 81 Chestnut. Item held in abeyance for one week at the January 25, 2016 City Council meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

AGENDA ITEM #2 (2016-34)

Communication from Fred Mekolon, Jr. requesting approval of services, road closures, and use of city property and parks in conjunction with the 2016 regattas.

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Rick Custer, 505 Pine St. regarding phones for vets and a welding program for vets located at 18000 Hubbard Dr in Dearborn. It is a 6-week program, 40 hours/week. Phone # is:313.594.0257

Patt Slack, Downtown Development Authority regarding the DCA and grant funding

Richard Pousak, 563 Saint John St., with questions regarding DDA & Christmas decorations, the stipend approved for the Special Events Coordinator, and work done by DPS.

NEW BUSINESS (ELECTED OFFICIALS)

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

AGENDA ITEM #3 (2016-35)

Communication regarding Planned Development Application at 646 Biddle for referral to Planning Commission.

AGENDA ITEM #4 (2016-36)

Communication from Planning Commission Chairperson, Elizabeth A. Krimmel, regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Article XIV. – B-2 General Business District, Section 1401 Special Uses, Section H and XXII. – Section 2200 Special Land Uses, Section V.

AGENDA ITEM #5 (2016-37)

Communication from City Engineer, Mark A. Kowalewski, requesting support of the application to the Michigan Blight Elimination Program to demolish the building at 3131 Biddle Avenue with an approval of a commitment to match funds.

AGENDA ITEM #6 (2016-38)

Communication from City Engineer, Mark A. Kowalewski, requesting approval of the purchase agreement to sell property at 149 Bennett to the adjacent property owner.

AGENDA ITEM #7 (2016-39)

Communication from City Engineer, Mark A. Kowalewski, requesting approval of the purchase agreement to sell property at former 458 Walnut to the adjacent property owners.

AGENDA ITEM #8 (2016-40)

Communication from City Engineer, Mark A. Kowalewski, requesting approval to submit the annual permit to MDOT for activities in the State Right-of-Way.

AGENDA ITEM #9 (2016-41)

Communication from City Engineer, Mark Kowalewski, regarding the purchase of an additional 144 96-gallon toters from Cascade Engineering in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

AGENDA ITEM #10 (2016-42)

Communication from Water Department Superintendent, William Weirich, requesting concurrence with WMS Commission approval for the purchase of a vactor truck and capital budget amendment by the Water Department.

REPORTS & MINUTES

City Council	January 25, 2016
Daily Cash Receipts	January 25, 2016
Beautification Commission	January 13, 2016
Fire Commission	December 8, 2015
Police Commission	January 19, 2016
Recreation Commission	January 13, 2016
Zoning Board of Appeals & Adjustment	January 6, 2016

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Terence Kulaszewski, 159 Bennett, regarding hearing requirements to perform work in Planned Development District and empty lot sale at former 149 Bennett.

Chris Calvin, 466 Sycamore, regarding the DCA lease and negotiation and record-keeping responsibilities of leases in the city.

RECESS**RECONVENE**

Present: Councilpersons Galeski, Miciura, Schultz, and VanBoxell, and Mayor Pro Tem Leonard T. Sabuda

Absent: Mayor Joseph R. Peterson and Councilperson Fricke

Also Present: Thomas Woodruff, City Assessor; Todd Browning, City Treasurer; William Look, City Attorney; Mark Kowalewski, City Engineer; and Lawrence Stec, City Clerk

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE
ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING

ARTICLE XIV - B-2 General Business District, Section 1401 SPECIAL USES, Section H-
Outdoor sales space for new or used automobiles, trucks, recreational vehicles, mobile homes
and boats

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE
ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADDING

ARTICLE XXII - SECTION 2200 SPECIAL LAND USES, SECTION V - Outdoor sales space
for new or used automobiles, recreational vehicles, mobile homes and boats

RESOLUTIONS**2016-31 MINUTES**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held under the date of January 25, 2016, be approved as recorded, without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-32 81 CHESTNUT LEASE AGREEMENT (DENIED)

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

WHEREAS the original lease between the Downriver Council of the Arts (DCA) and Wyandotte Art Center, LLC (LLC), has expired and the LLC has been dissolved.

WHEREAS the Downtown Development Authority has included an operating grant of \$25,000 to the DCA for the 2016FY and, therefore, it is necessary to enter into a lease agreement until the end of the fiscal year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council acknowledges the receipt of the communication from the City Administrator relative to the lease agreement with the Downriver Council of the Arts for 81 Chestnut; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement with a term to expire on September 30, 2016.

MOTION DENIED

YEAS: Councilperson Schultz, VanBoxell

NAYS: Councilpersons Galeski, Miciura, Sabuda

2016-33 81 CHESTNUT LEASE AGREEMENT (ALTERNATE)

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

RESOLVED by the City Council that the consideration of the proposed lease agreement with the Downriver Council of the Arts for 81 Chestnut be held in abeyance for 1 week to permit City Council persons to meet with the DCA Director to review the financial data as presented to the city and answer any questions regarding said financial data.

Motion carried.

NAYS: Councilperson Galeski

2016-34 WBC REGATTA SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the request of Fred Mekolon Jr., WBC Regatta Chairman, to utilize BASF Waterfront Park for the following events:

52nd Annual Hebda Cup Rowing Regatta Saturday, April 30, 2016

Wy-Hi Regatta Saturday, May 7, 2016

(in the case of inclement weather, the regattas would run on the following day)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Hold Harmless Agreement, as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs, be executed and placed on file with the Clerk's office; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service and Recreation Department are directed to provide assistance during these events; AND

FURTHER that the Chief of Police is hereby designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit documents to close Biddle Avenue between Pine and Third Street and 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 of said resolution be forwarded to the Wyandotte Fire Department.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-35 PD PLANNED DEVELOPMENT APP REFERRAL – 646 BIDDLE

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that the PD Planned Development District Application for 646 Biddle is hereby referred to the Planning Commission for the proper public hearing.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-36 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS – ART. XIV & XXII (DENIED)

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL that the communication from the Planning Commission, regarding changes to Article XIV. – B-2 General Business District, Section 1401 Special Uses, Section H – Outdoor sales space for new or used automobiles, trucks, recreational vehicles, mobile homes and boats and Article XXII. – Section 2200 Special Land Uses, Section V – Outdoor sales space for new or used automobiles, recreational vehicles, mobile homes and boats is hereby received; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first reading of aforementioned ordinance will be read at the City Council meeting held on February 1, 2016.

MOTION DENIED

YEAS: Councilpersons Sabuda, Schultz, VanBoxell

NAYS: Councilpersons Galeski, Miciura

2016-37 3131 BIDDLE DEMOLITION

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the City Engineer in applying to the Michigan Blight Elimination Program for funds to demolish the building at 3131 Biddle Avenue; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby supports the application to Michigan Blight Elimination Program for the demolition of the property at 3131 Biddle Avenue, including the matching funds up to \$275,000.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-38 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – 149 BENNETT

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the Purchase Agreement to sell the former 149 Bennett to the adjacent property owners at 646 Biddle Avenue for the amount of \$7,500.00; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign.

Motion carried.

NAYS: Councilperson Miciura

2016-39 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – FORMER 458 WALNUT

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that Council approves the Purchase Agreement to sell 9 feet of the former 458 Walnut to the adjacent property owners at 454 Walnut for the amount of \$450.00.00; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-40 MDOT PERMIT APPLICATION – STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED by this Council that the City Engineer, Mark A. Kowalewski, is hereby designated as the representative for the City of Wyandotte authorized to sign permit applications which allow the City of Wyandotte to perform proposed operations on the portion of the State Highway Right-of-Way in the City of Wyandotte during the 2016 calendar year.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-41 PURCHASE OF 96 GALLON TOTERS

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer to purchase 144 – Ninety-Six Gallon Carts from Cascade Engineering of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount of \$6,730.56 from account no. 290-448-850-770-540; each cart to be black with the City of Wyandotte's logo, imprinted serial numbers and include a standard ten (10) year warranty.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-42 WMS WATER VACTOR TRUCK

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Council Concurs with the Wyandotte Municipal Services Commission in the following,

WHEREAS, the Wyandotte City Council understands the need and supports the community owned water distribution facilities and the necessity to maintain the commitment to providing the best service possible in a timely and efficient manner that is also fiscally responsible, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wyandotte City Council, a majority of its members thereto concurring, authorizing the WMS General Manager to sign the quotation from Jack Doheny Companies per the Jack Doheny Companies National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (Contract # RFP-RH-10-078) MITN bid for the cash purchase of One (1) 2016 Vactor Model 2115 Combination Vacuum/Hydro-Excavation Module with Heated High-Pressure Water System mounted on a 2016 Freightliner FL114 Truck for an amount not to exceed \$ 371,025.35, as recommended by WMS management, and further,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wyandotte City Council, a majority of its members thereto concurring, with a capital budget amendment for FY2016 appropriating prior accumulated fund balance of \$ 371,025.35 to cover the capital purchase, as recommended by WMS management.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-43 BILLS & ACCOUNTS

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$1,350,461.65 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-44 ADJOURNMENT

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk