

CITY OF WYANDOTTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Session of the Wyandotte City Council was held in Council Chambers, on Monday, April 18, 2016, and was called to order at 7:00pm with Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson presiding.

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

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

Absent: Councilperson Schultz

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

PRESENTATIONS

- Dedication of the Wyandotte Cable Studio to Jack and Caroline Sutherby
- 3rd Annual Roll Along the River event presented by Joe Gruber, DDA Director, and Jeremy Hansen, Rivers Edge Gallery. This event will take place on Sunday, May 1st, 2016 and start at 81 Chestnut St., Wyandotte, at 2:00PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

AGENDA ITEM #1 (2016-153)

Communication from Gilbert Rose, Chelsea Group LLC, requesting permission to install a digital sign on the rear wall of Chelsea's Men's Store in the Central Business District.

- Gilbert Rose, 2894 Van Alstyne St., spoke regarding his request.

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Corki Benson, 404 Vinewood, regarding enforcement of ordinances, insurance holdings and taxing of empty church buildings, outdoor café concerns, business ethics, and statement regarding defamatory comments made at previous council meetings.

Tom Pillar, 2397 23rd St., requesting that Wyandotte re-instate the DTE refrigerator rebates program. Mayor to answer.

NEW BUSINESS (ELECTED OFFICIALS)

Mayor Peterson: The Grand Opening of the Dog Park will be on Wednesday, May 4th. The time is still TBD. Rules are to be announced at a later date.

Assessor Woodruff: Downtown sidewalks are included in sidewalk inspections.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

AGENDA ITEM #2 (2016-154)

Communication from Mayor, Joseph R. Peterson, regarding the appointment of the Assessor to the Land Sale Committee.

AGENDA ITEM #3a (2016-155)

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, requesting approval of the Wyandotte Street Art Fair Beverage Ticket Contract with the Wyandotte Jaycees.

AGENDA ITEM #3b (2016-156)

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, requesting approval of the Wyandotte Street Art Fair Clean-Up Contract with the Wyandotte Music Boosters.

AGENDA ITEM #3c (2016-157)

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, regarding the Special Event Application from Our Lady of Scapular Church for the annual procession honoring Mary the Blessed Mother of God on Sunday, May 2, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM 3d (2016-158)

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, regarding the Special Event Application from the National Multiple Sclerosis Michigan Chapter for the Walk MS: Wyandotte event on Saturday May 21, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM #3e (2016-159)

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, requesting approval for street closure in conjunction with the Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM #3f (2016-160)

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, requesting approval for street closures/use of city property in conjunction with the Tree Lighting on November 18, 2016, and the City of Wyandotte Christmas Parade on November 19, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM #4 (2016-161)

Communication from DDA Director, Joseph Keller Gruber, requesting approval of the WBA/DDA contract and service agreement.

AGENDA ITEM #5 (2016-162)

Communication from DDA Director, Joseph Keller Gruber, requesting guidance, approval, and support of the Patronicity Placemaking Campaign.

AGENDA ITEM #6 (2016-163)

Communication from City Engineer, Mark A. Kowalewski, requesting approval to acquire the property at 122 Clinton St. from Wayne County.

AGENDA ITEM #7 (2016-164)

Communication from the Department of Engineering and Building regarding the rezoning application received in regards to the properties at 21, 21 1/2, and 23 Walnut St.

AGENDA ITEM #8 (2016-165)

Communication from City Engineer, Mark A. Kowalewski, regarding Special Assessment District #941.

REPORTS & MINUTES

City Council	April 11, 2016
Daily Cash Receipts	April 13, 2016
Fire Commission	March 22, 2016
Police Commission	March 22, 2016

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Chris Calvin, 466 Sycamore, complimenting the dedication of the cable studio.

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RECONVENE

Present: Councilpersons Fricke, Galeski, Miciura, Sabuda, and VanBoxell, and Mayor Joseph R. Peterson

Absent: Councilperson Schultz

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

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
FINAL READING #1426**

THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE ORDAINS:

Section 1. Salary for Department of Legal Affairs

The salary for the law firm of Look, Makowski and Look, P.C. as the Department of Legal Affairs for the City of Wyandotte shall be at a yearly salary of Seventy-Eight Thousand and 00/100 (\$78,000.00) Dollars to cover the period from April 18, 2016 to April 15, 2018. In addition, the law firm shall be reimbursed for miscellaneous costs and expenses incurred when acting as legal counsel for the City of Wyandotte.

Section 2. Severability

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herein are hereby repealed, only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its passage by the Wyandotte City Council and the Ordinance or its summary shall be published in a newspaper generally circulated in the City of Wyandotte within ten (10) days after adoption. A copy of this Ordinance may be inspected or obtained at the City of Wyandotte Clerk's Office, 3200 Biddle, Wyandotte, Michigan.

Motion unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned, JOSEPH R. PETERSON and LAWRENCE STEC, respectively the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Wyandotte, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Council of the City of Wyandotte, at a regular session thereof on Monday, the 18th day of April, 2016.

JOSEPH R. PETERSON, Mayor

LAWRENCE S. STEC, City Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

2016-152 MINUTES

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held under the date of April 11, 2016, be approved as recorded, without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-153 DIGITAL SIGN REQUEST – CHELSEA GROUP LLC

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Gilbert Rose of Chelsea Group LLC regarding the installation of a digital sign on the rear wall of the business located at 2944 Biddle Avenue is received and placed on file and referred to the Building and Engineering Department to report back in 2 weeks (5/2/2016) with further information with a process to be followed by Mr. Gilbert Rose of Chelsea Group LLC.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-154 ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT TO LAND SALE COMMITTEE

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby appoints the City Assessor, Thomas Woodruff, to serve on the Land Sale Committee.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-155 2016 WSAF BEVERAGE TICKET SALES

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator to approve the agreement between the City of Wyandotte and the St. Pius Catholic School Athletic Club to operate as beer ticket sellers in the River Front and Entertainment area during the Wyandotte Street Art Fair, July 13th – 16th, 2016.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-156 2016 WSAF CLEAN-UP CREW

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator to approve of the agreement between the City of Wyandotte and the Wyandotte Music Boosters to provide a clean-up crew both during and after the 2016 Wyandotte Street Art Fair, taking place on July 13th – 16th, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wyandotte Music Boosters will complete a hold harmless agreement, as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-157 OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR BLESSED MARY PROCESSION

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

WHEREAS the Our Lady of the Scapular Parish has submitted an event application to the Special Events office requesting permission to hold a procession to honor Mary the Blessed Mother of God and patroness of their parish.

WHEREAS the procession is to be held on May 2, 2016, and will begin at 7:00PM with the route to start in front of the elementary school building on 10th Street, proceed to Superior Boulevard (Pope John Paul II Ave), to 12th Street, around the median, back to 10th street, and into the front door of the church.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Recreation Superintendent to approve the use of city parks and property for use by Our Lady of the Scapular Parish for said event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the organization is required to sign a hold harmless agreement as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-158 2016 WALK MS WYANDOTTE

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

WHEREAS the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has submitted an event application to the Special Events office requesting permission to hold the 2016 Walk MS: Wyandotte on Saturday, May 21, 2016, with registration starting at 9:00AM, start time at 10:00AM, and completion by approximately 12:00PM.

WHEREAS the proposed walk route will start and finish at the Yack Arena and utilize various city sidewalks between Eureka and Ford Avenue, and Third St. and the boardwalk of Bishop Park.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Recreation Superintendent to approve the use of city sidewalks, the use of the Yack Arena, and parking lots for the Walk MS event on May 21st, 2016; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the organization is required to sign a hold harmless agreement as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs, as well as add the City of Wyandotte as an additional insured.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-159 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council to approve the request of the Special Event Coordinator to approve of the closure of Biddle Avenue from Ford Street to Plum St. from 8:00AM-12:00PM for the City of Wyandotte Independence Day Parade scheduled for Monday, July 4th, 2016; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is hereby directed to apply to the Wayne County Office of Public Service for a road closing permit and is designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit document on behalf of the City of Wyandotte; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Chief is also hereby notified for the purposes of re-routing emergency vehicles on the day of the event; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service is directed to place barriers and take appropriate action to comply with the above request.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-160 CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council to approve the request of the Special Event Coordinator to grant permission for the use of the grassy area near City Hall for the Tree Lighting festivities/ceremony and approve of the closure of the following streets in conjunction with the 2016 Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting:

Sycamore Street from Biddle Ave. to Coastal Thai---November 18th, 2016 - Time TBD

Biddle Avenue from Ford Street to Plum St. ----- November 19th, 2016 - 8:00AM-12:00PM

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is hereby directed to apply to the Wayne County Office of Public Service for a road closing permit in conjunction with the Christmas parade on November 19th, 2016, and is designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit document on behalf of the City of Wyandotte; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Chief is also hereby notified for the purposes of re-routing emergency vehicles on November 19th, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service is directed to place barriers and take appropriate action to comply with the above requests.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-161 WBA/DDA CONTRACT AND SERVICE AGREEMENT

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the request of the DDA Director to approve and sign the Contract and Service Agreement between the DDA and the WBA for hosting and promoting City of Wyandotte 3rd Friday events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign said agreement.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-162 PATRONICITY PLACEMAKING CAMPAIGN

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication relative to the Patronicity Placemaking Campaign is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Council hereby approve the Patronicity Placemaking Campaign and encourage residents, businesses, and organizations to contribute to its realization.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-163 TAX FORECLOSURE PURCHASE – 122 CLINTON

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at Tax ID 57-001-06-0072-000 (122 Clinton) in a total amount of \$0.00 offered to the City of Wyandotte from Wayne County Tax Foreclosure from account no. 492-200-850-519; AND

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs the Department of Legal Affairs to clear title on all properties that are received by Wayne County; AND

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said documents, subject to the approval of the Department of Legal Affairs.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-164 REZONING APPLICATION – 21, 21 ½, 23 WALNUT

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rezoning Application received by the Engineering Department regarding 21, 21½, and 23 Walnut is hereby referred to the Planning Commission for the required public hearing.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-165 SAD #941

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

BE IT RESOLVED by Council that the sidewalk repair costs for Special Assessment District #941, as reported by the City Engineer, are hereby referred to the City Clerk to schedule a Special Assessment Hearing.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-166 BILLS & ACCOUNTS

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$591,785.20 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

Motion unanimously carried.

2016-167 ADJOURNMENT

By Councilperson Galeski, supported by Councilperson VanBoxell

RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk