

**CITY OF WYANDOTTE**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

A Regular Session of the Wyandotte City Council was held in Council Chambers, on Monday, May 23, 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.

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

Absent: Thomas Woodruff, City Assessor

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

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**CLOSED SESSION REQUEST & MEETING**

The General Manager of the Department of Municipal Services expressed a desire to meet in closed session to discuss pending litigation.

**2016-240 CLOSED SESSION REQUEST – WMS PENDING LITIGATION**

WHEREAS The General Manager of the Department of Municipal Services desires to meet in closed session to discuss pending litigation. This is in accordance with Section 15.268e of PA 267 of 1976.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Body will meet in closed session immediately following the regularly scheduled Council meeting for the above-stated purpose only.

Motion unanimously carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS**

AGENDA ITEM #1 (2016-245)

Communication from Rosalie Shimkus, President of the Father Solanus Guild, requesting recognition as a non-profit organization operating in the City of Wyandotte for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

**PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE**

- Dawn Howard, 568 Cherry, in support of McKinley project.
- Kim Piesik, 454 Elm St., in support of McKinley project.
- Chris Luczak, 725 Orchard, in support of McKinley project.
- Jim Candela, 1245 Poplar, regarding McKinley project.
- Tom Hohf, 47 Emmons Ct., regarding McKinley project.
- Kathy Larkin, 1864 16<sup>th</sup>, in support of McKinley project.
- Chris Calvin, 466 Sycamore, regarding item #3.

**NEW BUSINESS (ELECTED OFFICIALS)**

- Councilmember Galeski expressed concern about receiving dirty looks from Councilmember Schultz.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

AGENDA ITEM #2 (2016-246)

Communication from Mayor, Joseph R. Peterson, regarding the appointment of Michael Bak to the Beautification Commission.

AGENDA ITEM #3 (2016-247)

Communication from Councilman, Leonard Sabuda, regarding the renegotiation of the McKinley School project purchase agreement.

- Communication from Mr. & Mrs. Metz, 806 Forest, regarding McKinley vote on 5/16/2016 read into record.
- Joe DiSanto, Coachlight Properties, regarding item #3.

AGENDA ITEM #4 (2016-248)

Communication from WMS General Manager, Rod Lesko, regarding an amendment to the Consent Decree between WMS and the U.S. EPA.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 (2016-249)**

Communication from WMS General Manager, Rod Lesko, requesting concurrence with WMS Commission to purchase one supervisor pickup truck for the Electric Department.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 (2016-250)**

Communication from T&D Supervisor, Ryan Smith, requesting concurrence with WMS Commission to purchase one forklift for the Electric Department.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 (2016-251)**

Communication from WMS Assistant General Manager, Paul LaManes, regarding the YTD financial results for the Department of Municipal Services for the period ending March 31, 2016.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 (2016-252)**

Communication from Deputy Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director, Robert J. Szczechowski, regarding the 2015 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Quarterly Investment Reports.

**AGENDA ITEM #9A (2016-253)**

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, requesting approval of the Wyandotte Street Art Fair Street Performer Application.

**AGENDA ITEM #9B (2016-254)**

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, requesting approval for the PLAV Post 7 to hold annual parade on May 30, 2016, using city streets, sidewalks, and property.

**AGENDA ITEM #9C (2016-255)**

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, requesting approval for St. Vincent Pallotti to use the city-owned lot at First & Chestnut for fundraising purposes during the Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

**AGENDA ITEM #9D (2016-256)**

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, requesting approval of the contract with Ann Arbor Carriage to provide services in conjunction with the 2016 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

**AGENDA ITEM #9E (2016-257)**

Communication from Special Events Coordinator, Heather A. Thiede, requesting approval of the contract with Bass Notes Production to provide sound for the Independence Day Parade, Wyandotte Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade, and the Vintage Baseball Game.

**AGENDA ITEM #10 (2016-258)**

Communication from City Engineer, Mark A. Kowalewski, requesting approval of the locations for sewer slip-lining and contract with Liquiforce to complete work.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

None

**REPORTS & MINUTES**

City Council	May 16, 2016
Daily Cash Receipts	May 19, 2016
Beautification Commission	May 11, 2016
Building Code Board of Appeals	May 9, 2016
Cultural & Historical Commission	April 14, 2016
Design Review Committee	May 10, 2016
Zoning Board of Appeals & Adjustment	May 4, 2016

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

- Jim Candela, 1245 Poplar, regarding McKinley project.
- Chris Luczak, 725 Orchard, regarding McKinley project.
- Pat Stevens, 444 Riverside Dr., regarding McKinley project.
- Tim Calhoun, 3634 7<sup>th</sup> St., regarding McKinley project.
- Jeff Chicoine, 12<sup>th</sup> St., running for District 14 State Representative
- Patricia Hartig, running for Wayne County Commissioner for 15<sup>th</sup> District
- Daniel Galeski regarding McKinley negotiations.

**RECESS****RECONVENE**

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

Absent: Thomas Woodruff, City Assessor

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

## **HEARINGS**

SAD #939  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL  
SEWER TAP REPAIR ON 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
BETWEEN OAK AND EUREKA

*No objections.*

### **2016-241 HEARING – SAD #939**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

WHEREAS the time having arrived for the hearing before this Council and the City Assessor on the Special Assessment District #939 for the purpose of defraying that part of the cost which Council decided should be paid and borne by a special assessment for 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Sewer Tap Repair (South of Oak Street under the eastern portion of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street pavement) within the city of Wyandotte, County of Wayne, State of Michigan and said roll having been duly presented to this Council by the City Assessor; AND

WHEREAS after such hearing this council is of the opinion that said roll should be approved and confirmed; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that special assessment roll #939 as filed by the City Assessor with the City Clerk be hereby approved and confirmed that this Council does hereby estimate that the period of usefulness of said improvements is not less than ten (10) years and that the assessments shown on said roll be divided into 10 annual installments, payable by the first day of June each year from 2016 to 2025, and that the City Clerk transmit said roll to the City Treasurer with his warrant for collection accordingly, and that the installments of each special assessment roll shall bear interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum commencing July 1, 2016, said interest to be paid annually on the due dates of the principal installments of said special assessment roll.

Motion unanimously carried.

SAD # 941  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL  
2015 CONCRETE SIDEWALK PROGRAM  
AREA BETWEEN OAK ST AND GROVE &  
BETWEEN 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND FORT STREET

*No objections.*

### **2016-242 HEARING – SAD #941**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

WHEREAS the time having arrived for the hearing before this Council and the City Assessor on the Special Assessment District #941 for the purpose of defraying that part of the cost which Council decided should be paid and borne by a special assessment for 2015 Sidewalk Program (public walks between Oak Street and Grove Street between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Fort Street) within the city of Wyandotte, County of Wayne, State of Michigan and said roll having been duly presented to this Council by the City Assessor; AND

WHEREAS after such hearing this council is of the opinion that said roll should be approved and confirmed; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Special Assessment roll #941 as filed by the City Assessor with the City Clerk be hereby approved and confirmed that this Council does hereby estimate that the period of usefulness of said improvements is not less than five (5) years and that the assessments shown on said roll be divided into 5 annual installments, payable by the first day of June each year from 2016 to 2020 and that the City Clerk transmit said roll to the City Treasurer with his warrant for collection accordingly, and that the installments of each special assessment roll shall bear interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum commencing July 1, 2016, said interest to be paid annually on the due dates of the principal installments of said special assessment roll.

Motion unanimously carried.

OPINIONS OF CITIZENS  
REGARDING THE  
GENERAL CITY ELECTION SCHEDULE

**Public Comments:**

Tom Kaul, 3115 Van Alstyne

Chris Calvin, 466 Sycamore

**2016-243 ELECTION LAW CHANGES – FEB. PRIMARY/MAY ELECTION**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

WHEREAS in September 2015, PA100 of 2015 enacted changes to the dates in which elections could be held by eliminating the February election date.

WHEREAS the City of Wyandotte currently holds an election for city officials in May with a primary election in February.

WHEREAS the new state law states that if a city's regular election is held on the May regular election date, the city shall not hold a regular primary election (MCL 168.642) deeming it necessary that we change the city calendar in order to comply with the Michigan Election Law.

WHEREAS a separate state law has been enacted which requires candidates running for city offices to file no less than 15 weeks prior to the election date.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wyandotte hereby acknowledges receipt of the communication from the City Clerk regarding the elimination of February election dates and the candidate filing deadline for city offices; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Clerk to continue to hold the elections for city offices every 4<sup>th</sup> year in May of the odd-year, thereby eliminating the February primary in accordance with MCL 168.642(2) and recognizes that no further action is necessary by the City of Wyandotte in order to comply with said law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is directed to forward resolution to Municode, the City of Wyandotte's legal publisher, to update the City Charter with above changes.

Motion carried.

NAY: Councilperson Galeski

**RESOLUTIONS****2016-244 MINUTES**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held under the dates of May 16, 2016, be approved as recorded, without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-245 FATHER SOLANUS GUILD NON-PROFIT STATUS**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the request from the Father Solanus Guild/Holy Family Circle of Wyandotte, Michigan, County of Wayne, to be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-246 APPOINTMENT TO BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION - BAK**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby CONCURS with the recommendation of Mayor Peterson to appoint Michael Bak of 1705 11<sup>th</sup> St., Wyandotte, MI to the Beautification Commission. Term to expire April 2019.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-247 MCKINLEY SCHOOL SITE LETTER – COUNCILMAN SABUDA**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Engineer and City Attorney are authorized to renegotiate the McKinley School purchase agreement with the preferred developer, Coachlight Properties; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that council members are invited to participate in the discussion and to offer their insight and recommendations to renegotiate the purchase agreement and return it to Council for final approval.

Motion carried.

NAYS: Councilpersons Galeski, Miciura

**2016-248 WMS/EPA AMENDMENT TO CONSENT DECREE**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the Municipal Services Commission in approval for the General Manager to sign the amendment to the consent decree entered on September 13, 2011 for emissions matters relative to the Wyandotte Power Plant with the U.S. EPA and to pay

within sixty (60) Days after the effective date of the Amended Consent Decree the sum of \$425,000, as recommended by WMS management.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-249 ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT TRUCK PURCHASE**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the Municipal Services Commission approval of the purchase of a 2016 Ford F-150 pickup truck from Gorno Ford (Stock #T8194) for the Electric Department at the MiDEAL State bid price of \$ 31,995.00 as recommended by WMS management.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-250 ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FORKLIFT PURCHASE**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

WHEREAS, the Wyandotte City Council understands the need and supports the community owned Electric Transmission and Distribution facilities; AND

WHEREAS, in order to maintain our commitment to providing the best service possible in a timely and efficient manner; NOW,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyandotte City Council concurs with the Municipal Services Commission authorizing the General Manager to sign the quote from Fraza Forklifts for the purchase of one (1) Linde H50T Forklift for an amount not to exceed \$ 56,631.00 as recommended by WMS management.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-251 WMS FINANCIALREPORT – YTD (3/31/2016)**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council to receive and place on file the six-month financial results for the Department of Municipal Services for the period ending March 31, 2016.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-252 QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORTS – 3Q & 4Q 2015**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby receives and places on file the 2015 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Quarterly Investment Reports submitted on May 19, 2016 by the Deputy Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-253 WSAF STREET PERFORMER APPLICATION**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Special Events Coordinator to approve the 2016 Wyandotte Street Art Fair Street Performer Permit Application.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-254 PLAV POST 7 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

WHEREAS the PLAV Post 7 has requested police escort for their annual parade on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with procession starting at PLAV Post 7 (438 Ford Avenue) at 9:15AM and ending at Mount Carmel Cemetery (900 Ford Avenue) at approximately 10:00AM to participate in a field mass; returning to PLAV Post 7 at approximately 11:30AM.

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council concurs with the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator for the use of city streets, sidewalks, and property in conjunction with the PLAV Post 7 request and directs the appropriate departments to coordinate same.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-255 ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI WSAF PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that council concurs with the recommendation of the Special Events Coordinator and grants permission to the St. Vincent Pallotti Parent's Club for use of the city-owned parking lot at First and Chestnut Streets for a fundraising event during the Wyandotte Street Art Fair from July 13-16, 2016; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service shall post “No Parking” signs at the following locations:

- East side of First Street between Chestnut St. and Superior Blvd.
- Chestnut St. between Biddle and 1<sup>st</sup> Street; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Hold Harmless Agreement shall be executed as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-256 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE – ANN ARBOR CARRIAGE CONTRACT**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the Special Event Coordinator to approve the contract for Ann Arbor Carriage for the 2016 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, in the amount of \$495.00 to be paid from the 4th of July Parade Account, #285-225-925-826.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby directed to execute said contract on behalf of the City of Wyandotte.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-257 2016 SOUND CONTRACT – BASS NOTES PRODUCTION**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the Special Event Coordinator and approves the contract between Bass Note Productions and the City of Wyandotte to provide sound for various 2016 special events, including:

4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	285-225-925-826	\$350
Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting	285-225-925-825	\$525
Vintage Base Ball Game	285-225-925-880	\$175

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby directed to execute said contract on behalf of the City of Wyandotte.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-258 SLIP-LINING OF SEWERS – LIQUIFORCE CONTRACT**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer regarding entering into a contract with LiquiForce approving the slip lining of four (4) sewer lines for \$ 98,401.60 from account no. 590-200-926-310; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary Contract as presented to City Council.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-259 BILLS & ACCOUNTS**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$978,699.71 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2016-260 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson VanBoxell, supported by Councilperson Schultz

RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried.




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Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk