

CITY OF WYANDOTTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Session of the Wyandotte City Council was held via Virtual Telecommunication methods, due to COVID-19 in accordance with Executive Order 2020-75 using the Zoom Audio platform, on Monday, June 8, 2020, and was called to order at 7:00pm with Honorable Mayor Pro Tempore Robert A. DeSana presiding.

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

Present: Councilpersons Robert Alderman, Christopher Calvin, Robert DeSana, Leonard Sabuda, and Donald Schultz

ABSENT: Councilperson Megan Maiani

Also, Present: City Treasurer, Todd Browning; Theodore Galeski, City Assessor; William Look, City Attorney; Greg Mayhew, City Engineer; and Lawrence Stec, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA

2020-126 MINUTES

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin
 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held under the date of May 18, 2020, be approved as recorded, without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-127 ANTENNA SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT–VERIZON WIRELESS 1077 GROVE

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin
 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the First Amendment to Agreement to Construction and Convey Communications Tower and Related Facilities, Lease Agreement and Management Agreement to the antenna tower at 1077 Grove Street with Verizon Wireless; AND
 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor Pro-Tem and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Amendment.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-128 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT SNOW REMOVAL ASSESSMENT

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin
 BE IT RESOLVED that the Council concurs in the recommendation of the City Engineer regarding the Snow Removal for the Central Business District, performed by the Department of Public Service; AND
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs the Treasurer's Department to spread said charges on the 2020 Summer Tax Roll against said properties.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-129 REZONING APPLICATION – 1040 FORD AVENUE

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the application for rezoning of the property at 1040 Ford Avenue is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said application be forwarded to the Planning Commission for the public hearing.

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS**2020-130 CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – D. BLOOMFIELD 4TH OF JULY PARADE**

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Deborah Bloomfield regarding 4th of July parade activities is hereby received and placed on file.

Motion carried.

YEAS: Councilpersons Alderman, Calvin, DeSana, Schultz

NAYS: Councilperson Sabuda

2020-131 WHISKEY ON THE WATER PATIO REQUEST – J. LAW

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the request of Whiskeys on the Water to hold events in the area of Oak and Biddle and refers said request to all departments involved for proper coordination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that events are also contingent on the execution of the proper hold harmless agreements, as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs, and proof of insurance for said events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of Resolution #2020-133 grants emergency power to the City Administrator for these types of requests and therefore, the final approval of this item is hereby referred to the City Administrator.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-132 LOVE WYANDOTTE – PATIO CLOSING TIME EXTENSION

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

Whereas the Mayor Pro-Tempore and other Members of the City Council strongly support the many Wyandotte Businesses that so heavily depend on each other,

Whereas, on June 4, 2020, The Governor of the State of Michigan issued Executive Order 20-110 that allowed bars and restaurants to reopen on June 4, 2020 at fifty percent capacity, and with proper social distancing practices in place;

Whereas, the communication from Ricky DeSana and other members of the Love Wyandotte Organization have petitioned City Council for the temporary relaxing of the City's Ordinance regarding the Midnight closing of outdoor cafes,

Whereas, during this temporary relaxing of the rules regarding the closing hours of the outdoor cafes all ordinances regarding noise shall remain in effect,

BE IT RESOLVED by The City Council that this request to temporarily relax the hours of operation of outdoor cafes be immediately granted and regularly reviewed for compliance in regards to noise for a period not to exceed 120 days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that outdoor patio closing times shall be extended to 1:00AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings and 2:00AM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-133 CITY ADMINISTRATOR EMERGENCY APPROVAL PROCESS

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

Whereas, on March 10, 2020 by Executive Order Number 2020-4, Governor Whitmer declared a State of Emergency for the State of Michigan due to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19); and

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 2020-9, closing bars, restaurants, gyms and cafes to the public and limiting food establishments to carryout business only;

Whereas, on March 24, 2020, the Governor executed Executive Order 20-21, which constituted the first stay at home order, ordering non-essential businesses closed and all businesses to institute and maintain social distancing policies;

Whereas, all levels of government have urged the public to adhere to aggressive social distancing;

Whereas, on June 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-110, which allowed retailers to open on June 4, 2020, and bars and restaurants to reopen on June 8, 2020, subject to safety guidance regulations and social distancing requirements;

Whereas, in order for the City of Wyandotte to do its part in the reopening of Michigan's economy and adhere to social distancing, the City Council finds it appropriate to authorize the City Administrator the authority to issue temporary waivers to certain local regulations in order for Wyandotte businesses to maximize the effectiveness of the Governor's relaxation of the previously imposed COVID-19 restrictions and maintain the best public health practices.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Upon the opening of bars, restaurants, and retail establishments by Executive Order by Governor Whitmer of the State of Michigan, the City Administrator is hereby delegated the power and authority to issue temporary waivers of restrictions in the Code of Ordinances that would impose limits on the use of outdoor portions of commercial property for dining, service, or display of inventory, including provisions that prohibit the use of public or private parking lot spaces, public sidewalks, and/or adjacent parking spaces for such activity.

Section 2: The Waivers shall include the ability to utilize parking spaces in private and public parking lots, public sidewalks, and parking spots along side streets for purpose of expanding outdoor dining and drinking to meet social distancing criterion and make it economically viable for restaurants and bars to conduct business or to display inventory to attract customers in an effort to boost sales while complying with social distancing requirements. The use of the sidewalk for outdoor dining must allow a minimum pedestrian right-of-way of four (4) feet. Any restaurant or bar that wishes to use adjacent parking spaces or side streets for outdoor dining must provide a plan that includes the dimensions of the outdoor dining area and traffic safety measures to ensure the protection of the public. The plan will be reviewed and approved by the City Administrator during the period set forth below. This resolution shall also serve as municipal permission to allow expanded consumption of alcoholic beverages for the purposes of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Section 3: This Resolution and the authority granted herein shall be effective for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date approved unless terminated early by action of the City Council.

Section 4: This Resolution and the authority granted herein may be extended, expanded, and renewed by subsequent action of the City Council. Any Waiver may become permanent upon additional resolution by the City Council.

Section 5: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its execution.

Section 6: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded. Should any section, clause, or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the Courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-134 REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

RESOLVED that City Council hereby CONCURS with the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tempore DeSana to reappoint the following residents:

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION – Term to Expire April 2023

John Darin

BUILDING CODE OF APPEALS – Term to Expire April 2024

Francesco Badalamenti

Daniel Johnson

Michael McDonald

Jean Claude Marcoux

Louis Parker

Thomas Roberts

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS – Term to Expire April 2021

Lou Parker

Mark Ramirez

Stanley Rutkowski

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMISSION – Term to Expire April 2025

Carolyn Harris

PLANNING & REHABILITATION COMMISSION – Term to Expire April 2023

Stanley Rutkowski

John Sarnacki

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION - Term to Expire April 2023

John Harris

RECREATION COMMISSION - Term to Expire April 2025

Thomas DeSana

Edward Ronco

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Term to Expire May 2023

Michael Flachsmann

Victor Nevin

David Olsen

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - Term to Expire June 2024

Rick DeSana

Bryan Kozinski

Leo Stevenson

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION - Term to Expire December 2023

Kenneth Munson

Suzanne Pilon

Anne Ronco

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC), TAX INCREMENT FINANCE
AUTHORITY (TIFA), BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, LABADIE PARK
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION - Term to Expire April 2026

Todd Drysdale

Larry Garmo

Melissa Armatis

Paul LaManes

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-135 SEWAGE RATE – EFFECTIVE 7/1/2020

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL that the Council concurs in the recommendation of the City Administrator that a sewage rate increase be implemented for July 1, 2020, and that the Department of Municipal Service is directed to increase the billing for sewage disposal charges to \$3,687.00 per million gallons of water

consumed. This will provide the City with the necessary funds for the following purposes:

- To pay the City of Wyandotte's share of operation and maintenance of the sewage disposal system
- To pay the County of Wayne's sewage charges on a monthly basis
- To pay for the replacement of equipment of the sewage disposal system
- To cover the loss of revenue due to the difference between the City's master meter and customer's meters
- To pay for debt service

The moneys collected, except for the collection costs of \$50.50 per million gallons of water consumed which will be retained by the Municipal Service Commission, shall be placed in the appropriate fund to be used for

the above stated purposes and any balance that may accrue shall be retained therein to provide for emergencies, contingencies, and extraordinary events.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Ordinance 802 Article III, Section Five, all customers of the City of Wyandotte's Wastewater System shall receive annual notification and breakdown of the new sewage rate and the Municipal Service Department is hereby directed to print said sewage rate breakdown on all water bills on an annual basis.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs be directed to prepare the necessary Ordinance Amendment.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-136 BUSINESS REGISTRATION/LICENSING FEE DATE EXTENSION

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

BE IT RESOLVED that City Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Clerk and grants an extension to local businesses for payment of their registration and licensing fees due to the COVID pandemic and consequent impact on Wyandotte businesses until September 1, 2020.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-137 CABLE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

BE IT RESOLVED by the Wyandotte City Council that Council concurs with the Municipal Services Commission, a majority thereto concurring in the following resolution,

A resolution authorizing the General Manager to enter into a purchase agreement for a Ford 2020 Escape in an amount not to exceed \$22,475 and a Ford 2020 F150 Pick-Up Truck in an amount not to exceed \$29,345 as quoted by Gorno Ford utilizing the MiDeal vehicle State Bid Price and approved transfer of the current Cable Ford 2017 F150 to the Power Plant at a Blue Book value of \$ 19,205, including FY20 capital budget

amendment for Electric Fund of the same amount through a Fund Balance appropriation and as recommended by WMS management.

Motion carried.

YEAS: Councilpersons Calvin, DeSana, Sabuda, Schultz

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councilperson Alderman

2020-138 NEW MUSEUM WEBSITE CONTRACT - REVIZE

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

RESOLVED that Council hereby CONCURS with the request of the Museum Director dated June 8, 2020 to approve the contract between the City and web developer, Revize, in order for the creation of a new Wyandotte Museums website, from the Museum Reserve Account 101-000-257-071, in the amount of \$900 per year.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the Revize Web Services Sales Agreement.

Motion denied.

YEAS: Councilperson Sabuda

NAYS: Councilpersons Alderman, Calvin, DeSana, Schultz

2020-139 PURCHASE OF DUMP UTILITY TRAILER

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer to purchase a utility dump trailer from DR Trailers, Milan, Michigan, in the amount of \$4,175.00 from Account 101-448-850-540 Other Equipment.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-140 AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE – ANIMAL LODGING/KENNELS

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from the City Engineer regarding an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to permit kennels and animal lodging facilities as Special Land Uses in an I-1 Zoned District is hereby received and placed on file, and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments are referred to the Planning Commission for the required public hearing.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-141 AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES– CH. 4 ANIMAL LODGING/KENNELS

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the proposed amendments to Chapter 4 Downriver Central Animal Control Ordinance; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first reading of the ordinance will be held in coordination with the related Zoning Ordinance, pending approval and re-submission to the Council by the Planning Commission.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-142 AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE – SMALL CELL WIRELESS

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from the City Engineer regarding an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate the installation of small cell wireless facilities in the public right of way is hereby received and placed on file, and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment is referred to the Planning Commission for the required public hearing.

Motion unanimously carried.

2020-143 BILLS & ACCOUNTS

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$1,979,757.60 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.


Motion unanimously carried.

REPORTS & MINUTES

Cultural & Historical Commission	03/12/2020
Zoning Board	03/04/2020
WMS Commission	05/20/2020
Retirement Commission	05/15/2020
Beautification Commission	05/13/2020
Recreation Commission	05/20/2020

REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS**ADJOURNMENT****2020-144 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Schultz, supported by Councilperson Calvin
RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.
Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk