

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

A Regular Session of the Wyandotte City Council was held in Council Chambers and via Virtual Telecommunication methods, due to COVID-19 in accordance with Wayne County Local Public Health Department Emergency Epidemic Order and PA228 of 2020, using the Zoom Audio platform, on Monday, July 12, 2021, and was called to order at 7:00pm with Honorable Mayor Robert A. DeSana presiding.

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

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Present: Robert A. DeSana, Councilpersons Robert Alderman, Christopher Calvin, Kaylyn Crayne, Todd Hanna, Rosemary Shuryan, Kelly Stec

ABSENT: City Assessor, Theodore Galeski

Also, Present: Todd Browning, City Treasurer; William Look, City Attorney; Greg Mayhew, City Engineer; and Beth Lekity, Deputy City Clerk

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Tax Rate Budget Hearing – 2021 City Tax Rates to Support FY22 Operations
  - Opened at 7:01pm, Closed at 7:03pm
  - *No comments, written or verbal*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2021-211 FOP 111 TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

Resolved that the communication from the City Attorney and City Administrator is hereby received and placed on file and a copy forwarded to the claimant.

Motion unanimously carried.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2021-212 THE SENIOR ALLIANCE 2022 AIP FOR AGING SERVICES**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

WHEREAS, the City of Wyandotte, Wayne County, Michigan recognizes the role of The Senior Alliance as the designated Area Agency on Aging for Southern and Western Wayne County to be responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, monitoring, and managing a comprehensive organized service delivery system of services for older adults and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the 34 communities of Southern and Western Wayne County, including the City of Wyandotte comprises the Planning and Service Area to the agency's governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Aging and Adult Services Agency require local Area Agencies on Aging to request approvals of their Annual Implementation Plan from their local governments; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has submitted the plan to this honorable body in accordance with federal and state laws; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has held a public hearing for client, caregiver, and service provider population feedback which contributed to the development of the Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this honorable body of Wyandotte approves the Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, as presented to the City.

Motion unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS****2021-213 CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – P. CHOINSKI, FENCING**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council is in receipt of the communication from Patrick Choinski regarding a fence encroachment into a public alley right of way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council refers the matter of fence encroachments in the alley right of way between 19<sup>th</sup> St. and 20<sup>th</sup> St., from Cedar to Walnut, to the City Engineer to prepare a grant of license and hold harmless agreements for the fence encroachments at 2230, 2240, and 2250 19<sup>th</sup> St.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-214 CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – REQUEST TO MOVE TREE, 1424 11TH**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

OPTION 1:

WHEREAS, Steve and Dawn Abdo of 1424 11th have requested that the city tree abutting their property be removed; and

WHEREAS, the tree was inspected by the City and does not meet the criteria for removal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Abdo are requesting that City Council grant approval to remove the healthy tree.

BE IT RESOLVED that City Council hereby grants permission for Steve and Dawn Abdo to remove the city tree abutting 1424 11th St.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the homeowner be subject to the following:

1. Planting replacement trees from the City's list of approved trees and at locations approved by the City. The replacement trees shall be a minimum of 2.5-inch diameter at breast height, and the sum of the replacement trees diameter at breast height shall equal the diameter at breast height of the tree being removed. The cost of planting replacement trees shall be borne by the property owner authorized to remove a tree. The authorized property owner shall provide a one (1) year warranty for the replacement trees.

2. Once the new trees are planted, the authorized property owner shall obtain a tree cutting permit from the Department of Engineering and Building. Approval of the permit will require the execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement. The removal of the tree shall be by the abutting property owner at their expense. The tree shall be removed in accordance with the City of Wyandotte Tree Cutting and Stump Removal Specifications.

OPTION 2:

WHEREAS, Steve and Dawn Abdo of 1424 11th have requested that the city tree abutting their property be removed; and

WHEREAS, the tree was inspected and found to not meet the criteria for removal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Abdo are requesting that City Council grant approval to remove the healthy tree.

BE IT RESOLVED that City Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer and Tree Supervisor and the request to remove the healthy tree at 1424 11th is hereby denied.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-215 APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION – D. SCHULTZ**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

WHEREAS, Kelly Stec has served on the Planning Commission but was required to resign due to being elected to City Council; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy now occurs on the Planning Commission;

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of Mayor DeSana to appoint Donald Schultz of 534 Vinewood, Wyandotte, MI 48192 to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Kelly Stec. Term to expire April 2023.

Motion carried.

YEAS: Councilpersons Alderman, Calvin, Hanna, Stec, Shuryan

NAYS: Councilperson Crayne

**2021-216 FIRST READING #1516: CITY ENGINEER SALARY**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED that a first reading of Ordinance be held on July 12, 2021 to set the salary for the City Engineer.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-217 WFD PROBATIONARY FF HIRING – K. DEMETER**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the Council concurs with the recommendation of the Wyandotte Police and Fire Commission and the Fire Chief to extend an offer of employment to Kaitlyn Demeter of Flat Rock, MI for the position of Probationary Fire Fighter with the Wyandotte Fire Department effective July 19th, 2021 pending successful acquisition of her Paramedic license from the State of Michigan. Starting salary for this candidate will be \$44,474.98 annually. Per the Memorandum of Understanding in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Union and the City this candidate has been offered \$5000 in tuition reimbursement during her first year of employment as a condition of acceptance of the offer of employment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-218 2021 CITY TAX RATES TO SUPPORT FY22 OPERATIONS**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL that

WHEREAS, this City Council of the City of Wyandotte has been advised by the City Assessor that the 2021 State Taxable Valuation for property located within the City of Wyandotte is \$589,801,979 as compared to \$573,625,787 State Taxable Valuation for the 2020 tax year plus 2021 additions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Administrator has recommended that the Wyandotte City Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022, shall be set at \$14.7109 operating, \$2.4564 refuse collection and disposal, \$2.4564 debt service (to include \$187,278 related to the renovation of the Yack Arena, \$292,922 related to the construction of a new Police/District Court facility, \$83,975 for purchase of snow plowing vehicles and equipment, \$300,000 for the renovation of the Central Fire Station, \$60,000 for the purchase of new ambulances, and \$106,874 for the purchase of new police vehicles), and \$3.1263 for the operation and maintenance of Drain #5 for a total tax levy of \$22.7500 per thousand dollars assessed valuation of the State Taxable Value; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Administrator submitting the proposed tax rates for the 2022 Fiscal Year is hereby received and made part of the hearing file scheduled for tonight's meeting.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-219 MORATORIUM – MEDICAL MARIJUANA CERTS OF OCCUPANCY**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

WHEREAS the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled that cities may regulate in what locations marijuana may be cultivated under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA), and

WHEREAS the cultivation of marijuana can be intensive involving grow lights, ventilation systems, high demand equipment and may impact energy, nuisance and safety concerns of the city.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Wyandotte hereby declares a moratorium on the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the cultivation of marijuana until further notice for the purpose of having this matter addressed by city staff and the Planning Commission and ultimate report back to the City Council.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-220 APPROVAL OF SCADA SOFTWARE/FIRMWARE UPGRADE**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

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

A resolution authorizing the purchase of a PME SCADA upgrade and rack server along with waiver of the competitive bidding requirement due to the unique nature of the equipment, in the amount of \$29,978.65, from Schneider Electric, as recommended by WMS management.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-221 BID AWARD #4799: WMS CABLE FTTH PROJECT - LABOR**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER to award and execute a contract agreement with Lecom Utility Contractors, the lowest qualified bidder for the Wyandotte Cable Fiber Drop Installation Labor for FTTH Project Bid #4799 in the amount of: \$1,641,167.20, as recommended by WMS Management.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-222 SALE OF FORMER 856 LINDBERGH**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer regarding the sale the former 856 Lindbergh Street Wyandotte; AND

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the offer from Erin Sinclair to acquire the former 856 Lindbergh for the amount of \$1,500.00; 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 said documents.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-223 SALE OF FORMER 1093-1099 8<sup>TH</sup> ST.**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the City owned property located at former 1093-1099 8th Street is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the recommendation to sell the property known as former 1093-1099 8th Street to Mr. and Mrs. Fraley in the amount of \$10,000.00; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Purchaser(s), Mr. and Mrs. Fraley does not undertake development within six (6) months from time of closing and complete construction within one (1) year will result in Seller's right to repurchase property including any improvements for One (\$1.00) Dollar. A condition will be placed on the Deed that will include this contingency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Offer to Purchase Real Estate for the property known as former 1093-1099 8th Street, between Mr. and Mrs. Fraley and the City of Wyandotte for \$10,000 as presented to Council AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Release of Purchase Agreement between the City and Mr. and Mrs. Fraley.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-224 EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT—GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION CONTROLLER**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council that the emergency replacement request submitted by the Recreation Superintendent be approved in the amount of \$11,931.83 from Pro Pump and Controls.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2021-225 BILLS & ACCOUNTS**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$1,628,091.80 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**REPORTS & MINUTES**

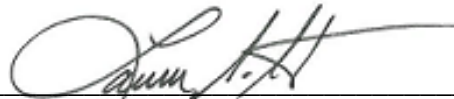
Beautification Commission	06/09/2021
DDA Meeting Minutes	05/11/2021
Recreation Commission Minutes	06/09/2021
Retirement Commission	06/18/2021
WMS Commission	06/16/2021 & 06/30/2021

**REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS****ADJOURNMENT****2021-226 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried.



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Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk