

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 26, 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.

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

PRESENTATIONS

- John Darin, Chairman of the Beautification Commission - \$500 grant received for the accessible garden beds at the Wyandotte Community Garden.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA

2021-227 MINUTES

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held under the dates of June 21 & July 12, 2021, be approved as recorded, without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-228 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS – VARIOUS SERVICES

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED by City Council that Council hereby concurs in the recommendation of the City Administrator in his communication regarding the list of various services performed by the Department of Public Service; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs the City Treasurer to spread said charges on the 2021 Summer Tax Roll.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-229 WAYNE COUNTY TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer regarding the purchase of Wayne County Tax Reverted Properties for economic redevelopment; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approves the acquisition of the following properties from account no. 492-200-850-519:

57-004-10-0036-000 302 Goddard \$ 5,076.36

57-007-10-0027-302 Vac 4th Street \$ 1,938.85

57-014-01-0031-002 834 Superior \$ 3,824.00

57-014-03-0055-303 Vac 9th Street \$ 1,397.730

57-017-16-0270-000 1515 Sycamore \$13,172.72

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-230 WYANDOTTE JAYCEES HAUNTED HOUSE – 3131 BIDDLE

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Wyandotte Jaycees to use the City Property at 3131 Biddle Avenue for their 2021 Haunted House thru November 30, 2021.

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2021-231 VFW POST #1136 NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY CEREMONY

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

WHEREAS the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1136 has requested to host a ceremony at the Purple Heart Memorial Garden located at the corner of Superior and Biddle in honor of National Purple Heart Day on Saturday, August 7th at 10AM and requests to close Superior Blvd, in the area of the Memorial Garden, to hold said ceremony.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council permits the VFW Post #1136 to hold said ceremony, with the requested street closures from 8am-Noon on August 7th, 2021, provided that a hold harmless is executed by the organization, as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-232 CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – EDCLIFF COURT STREET REPAIRS

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Mr. Gumbis regarding street repairs on Edcliff Court is hereby referred to the Engineering Department for review and follow-up with the resident.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-233 CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – MARSHALL ST. PAVING

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication received from Mr. Gibbard regarding paving of Marshall Street be referred to the City Engineer.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-234 REAPPOINTMENT TO RETIREMENT COMMISSION - SZCZECHOWSKI

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby CONCURS in Mayor Robert DeSana's recommendation to reappoint Robert Szczechowski of 1292 Poplar, Wyandotte, MI to the Retirement Commission. Term to expire May 2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-235 2021 POVERTY TAX RELIEF GUIDELINES - AMENDMENT

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Resolution #2021-40 dated February 22, 2021 regarding Poverty Tax Exemption Guidelines be amended to strike the following verbiage: "...unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing from/to the claimant".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this action take place to comply with the State Tax Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

Motion carried.

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

NAYS: Councilperson Hanna

2021-236 3131 BIDDLE AVENUE PURCHASE AGREEMENT – CITY HALL REDEV.

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL that the Mayor and Council concur with the recommendation to sell the property known as the former City Hall Building including 3131 Biddle, 3149 Biddle Avenue and Parking Lot #4 in the amount of \$100,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Development Agreement and Offer to Purchase Real Estate for the property known as the former City Hall Building including 3131 Biddle, 3149 Biddle Avenue and Parking Lot #4, between Mr. Ron Thomas (Rise Above Ventures, or any other entity to be formed) and the City of Wyandotte for \$100,000 as presented to Council.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-237 HIRING – CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICIAL, J. EVANS

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the City Engineer regarding the hiring of a Code Compliance Official to perform Mechanical/Plumbing/Fire Inspections for the Code Compliance Program for the City of Wyandotte; AND

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the hiring of Jeff G. Evans; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Wyandotte and Mr. Evans.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-238 SALE OF FORMER 616 ORANGE

By Councilperson Shuryan, 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 616 Orange 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 616 Orange to Mr. and Mrs. Hudzinski in the amount of \$10,000.00; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Purchaser(s), Mr. and Mrs. Hudzinski, do not undertake development within six (6) months from time of closing and complete construction within one (1) year, it 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 616 Orange, between Mr. and Mrs. Hudzinski and the City of Wyandotte for \$10,000 as presented to Council.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-239 NEZ APPLICATION – 620 ORANGE

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

WHEREAS per a resolution adopted by the Wyandotte City Council on December 7, 1992, it is the policy of the City of Wyandotte to offer 12-year tax abatements for new single-family construction in Neighborhood Enterprise Zones within the City of Wyandotte; and

WHEREAS the former 616 Orange is within the City of Wyandotte's Neighborhood Enterprise Zone #1 adopted on December 7, 1992;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of City Engineer as set forth in his communication of July 26, 2021, that the City of Wyandotte will approve a 12-year Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Exemption Certificate for the proposed redevelopment at former 616 Orange now known as 620 Orange, subject to the proper application materials being submitted to the City and the project's compliance with the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, Act 147 of 1992, as amended; AND

WHEREAS the City Clerk and the City Assessor are hereby authorized to execute said applications for a 12-year Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Certificate.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-240 FINAL READING #1516: CITY ENGINEER SALARY

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING

THE SALARY FOR THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE ENGINEER

The City of Wyandotte Ordains:

Section 1. City Engineer.

Commencing April 18, 2021 and expiring on April 17, 2023, the City Engineer shall receive an annual salary in the sum of \$98,000.00.

In addition, the following apply to the City Engineer:

1. Employee may use a city-owned vehicle for City-related business (and commuting to and from work) so that he may immediately respond to an emergency.
2. Employee may elect to participate in the City's Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan at any time during his employment.
3. Employee will be entitled to the same thirteen (13) paid holidays as City non-union administrative employees.
4. Employee shall not be enrolled in the City's defined benefit plan or defined contribution plan.
5. Employee shall not be eligible for participation in the City's active employee Health Insurance Plan or receive a contribution from the City for a retiree health savings account, since he already received retiree health insurance from the City.
6. Employee, his spouse and dependents shall not be eligible for any other benefits, except as required by law or described in the employment agreement.
7. Employee shall earn one (1) sick day per month worked. Vacation time shall be earned monthly in accordance with the same schedule of benefits available to other City non-union administrative employees, at the twenty-one (21) year level.
8. Employee shall be eligible for three (3) personal days per calendar year (pro-rated for calendar year 2021). Employee shall receive any accrued, unused vacation at the end of his employment with the City, at his final salary. Employee shall not receive any accrued, unused sick time or personal leave days at the end of his employment with the City. Employee shall not be entitled to compensatory time off.

The City Engineer shall execute and be subject to the employment agreement with the City of Wyandotte which terms are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Repeal.

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 Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan.

Motion unanimously carried.

2021-241 BILLS & ACCOUNTS

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$1,372,449.77 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

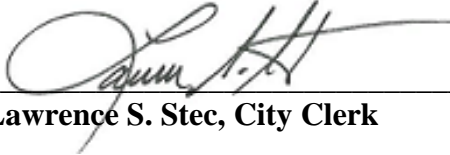
Motion unanimously carried.

REPORTS & MINUTES

DDA Meeting Minutes 06/08/2021
Planning Commission 05/20/2021 & 06/17/2021
Retirement Commission 03/19/2021, 04/16/2021, & 07/16/2021

REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS**ADJOURNMENT****2021-242 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Shuryan, supported by Councilperson Stec
RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk