

**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 “Guidance for Meetings of Governmental Bodies” and PA228 of 2020, using the Zoom Audio platform, on Monday, July 25, 2022, 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: Mayor Robert A. DeSana, Councilpersons Christopher Calvin, Kaylyn Crayne, Rosemary Shuryan, Kelly Stec

ABSENT: Councilpersons Robert Alderman, Todd Hanna

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

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Tax Rate Budget Hearing - 2022 City Tax Rates to Support FY23 Operations

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2022-228 SHED ON CITY EASEMENT – 4307 23<sup>RD</sup> ST.**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

Council receives and places on file the communications from the Department of Legal Affairs, Wyandotte Municipal Services and the Engineering Department, and, further, denies the request of the property owner of 4307 23rd to place a shed in the vacated public alley right of way.

Motion unanimously carried.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2022-229 MINUTES**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held under the date of June 27 & July 11, 2022, be approved as recorded, without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2022-230 2022 RIGHT OF REFUSAL PARCELS FROM WAYNE COUNTY**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

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 RESOLVED that Council approves the acquisition of the following properties from TIFA 492-200-850-519:

57-001-05-0070-000 362 2nd Street \$23,090.94

57-004-23-0038-000 832 6th Street \$13,905.50

57-006-01-0006-301 1234 5th Street \$19,984.65

57-006-02-0062-000 1009 Antoine \$21,464.01

57-007-07-0008-302 153 Miler \$1,895.86

57-021-02-0002-002 845 Orange \$5,341.02

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the acquisition of the following properties from UDAG 284-200-850-560:

57-003-02-0029-000 1031 18th Street \$3,932.64

57-003-02-0030-000 1031 18th Street \$12,553.88

57-019-15-0036-000 4500 17th Street \$21,365.57

Motion unanimously carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2022-231 VFW POST #1136 – NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY CEREMONY**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

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 Sunday, August 7th at 2PM and requests to close Superior Blvd, east- and west-bound, in the area of the Memorial Garden, to hold said ceremony from 1PM to 3PM.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council permits the VFW Post #1136 to hold said ceremony, with the requested street closures from 1PM-3PM on August 7th, 2022, provided that a hold harmless is executed by the organization, as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **2022-232 2022 CITY TAX RATES TO SUPPORT FY23 OPERATIONS**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL that

WHEREAS, this City Council of the City of Wyandotte has been advised by the City Assessor that the 2022 State Taxable Valuation for property located within the City of Wyandotte is \$629,751,968 as compared to \$589,801,979 State Taxable Valuation for the 2021 tax year plus 2022 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, 2023, shall be set at \$14.4505 operating, \$2.4129 refuse collection and disposal, \$2.4129 debt service (to include \$163,519 related to the renovation of the Yack Arena, \$223,033 related to the construction of a new Police/District Court facility, \$300,000 for the renovation of the Central Fire Station, \$36.774 for the purchase of new ambulances, \$93,470 for the purchase of new police vehicles, \$47,722 for the purchase of new fire department vehicles and equipment, and \$180,000 for the purchase of a new street sweeper), and \$3.4737 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 2023 Fiscal Year is hereby received and made part of the hearing file scheduled for tonight's meeting.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **2022-233 WFD HIRING – PROBATIONARY FIRE FIGHTER, D. ROSSETTI**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the Human Resource Specialist regarding the Probationary Fire Fighter position within the Fire Department and CONCURS with the recommendation therein and hereby declares said position vacant and authorizes the filling of such vacancy and

FURTHER, RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the Council approves the hiring of Dominic Rossetti as a Probationary Firefighter in the Fire Department contingent on the successful completion of a psychological evaluation, physical and drug screening examination. Per the Memorandum of Understanding in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Union and the City, Dominic Rossetti will start at the three (3) year step of \$60,566.69 annually.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2022-234 BID AWARD #4829: BOAT RAMP DOCK REPLACEMENT**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

Resolved by the City Council that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Recreation and hereby accepts the bid from Waters Edge Dock & Hoist, Inc., Howell, Michigan, in the amount of \$19,688.00 to supply and install the floating dock at the Wyandotte Boat Ramp according to the Specifications as the best bid received, and further, the work shall be paid from Account No. 492-200-850-524 Recreation - City Parks.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2022-235 DANGEROUS STRUCTURE AT 1247 ELM**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

WHEREAS, a hearing was held in the Office of the City Engineer in the Department of Engineering and Building, 3200 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan on June 21, 2022, and the property owner(s) or other interested parties had been given the opportunity to show cause, if any they had, why the structure at 1247 Elm, has not been repaired or demolished in accordance with the City's Property Maintenance Ordinance; AND

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer has filed a report of his findings with this Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Section PM-107.7 in the Council Chambers at Wyandotte City Hall, 3200 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte on Monday, August 29, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at which time all interested parties shall show cause, if any they have, why the structure has not been demolished or why the City should not have the structure demolished and removed at 1247 Elm; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall give notice of said hearing ten (10) days before the hearing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first-class mail, in accordance with the provision of Section PM-107.4 of the Property Maintenance Ordinance to the following interested parties:

Steve J. and Bernice Grocki  
1247 Elm  
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Anthony P. Cavalli, Assistant Deputy Treasurer  
International Center Building  
400 Monroe, 5th Floor  
Detroit, MI 48226

Motion unanimously carried.

**2022-236 ACQUISITION OF 2042 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 2042 11th Street in the amount of \$54,500.00 to be appropriated from TIFA Area Funds Account No. 492-200-850-519; AND

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs, William R. Look, is hereby directed to prepare and sign the necessary closing documents and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Purchase Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer is directed to demolish the structure upon completion of the Wyandotte Historical Commission inspection of the home as it pertains to the preservation of historical and cultural items for the City of Wyandotte.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **2022-237 SUPPORT FOR DUWA ARPA FUNDING REQUEST**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

#### **RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND COUNTY OF WAYNE TO ALLOCATE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT PLAN FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF DOWNRIVER UTILITY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

The City of Wyandotte is a member of the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA) which is a public body corporate organized pursuant to Act 233. Representatives from DUWA's 13 Communities act as Board Members. DUWA's Board Members exercise all powers of DUWA. The Authority provides a regional wastewater collection and treatment system vital to the health and safety of the residents of the region. The Authority purchased the treatment plan and collection system from Wayne County in September 2018.

DUWA provides service to approximately 350,000 people in the Downriver area which includes Ecorse, River Rouge, Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Dearborn Heights, Taylor, Romulus, Riverview, Southgate, Wyandotte, Belleville, Van Buren, and Brownstown. The DUWA system processes 60 million gallons per day on an annual average at its wastewater treatment plant, with the ability to handle 225 million gallons per day during wet weather events. It also has a 15-million-gallon wet weather storage tunnel that is used to retain excess wastewater during wet weather events. It is the second largest wastewater plant in the State of Michigan.

WHEREAS, based on 2020 SEMCOG data 16% of DUWA residents live below the poverty level, 62% of residents are non-working and 37% are non-white. These residents experienced health and economic injury by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, this same subset of residents is feeling the impact of inflation that has caused increases in the cost of basic services including food, gasoline, water and wastewater:

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is a federal response to financial damage caused by the pandemic since 2020. Included in ARPA is the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Relief Fund which allocated \$350 billion to states and local governments. Municipalities with greater than 50,000 residents receive funding directly from the US Treasury. For communities smaller than 50,000 residents, which is most of DUWA's 13 communities, the fund flows through Wayne County. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and the period of performance ends December 31, 2026. The funds can be used for public health and economic impacts, premium pay, revenue loss and infrastructure defined as including investments in Water and Sewer Infrastructure, including:

WHEREAS, Water and Sewer Infrastructure is defined as primarily projects that align with EPAs initiatives:

- A. Remediating failing or inadequate infrastructure, much of which is publicly owned;
- B. Projects to ensure compliance with applicable water health and quality standards and provide safe drinking and usable water.

WHEREAS, DUWA needs to replace its nearly 25-year-old ultraviolet disinfection system. The manufacturer has stopped supplying replacement parts to the system decreasing the final disinfection system's utility. The estimated cost of the replacement system is \$8,000,000. DUWA also has a final payment due to Wayne County of \$3,500,000 in September 2023. Both payments will put pressure on sewer rate charges on our most vulnerable residents.

THEREFORE, The City of Wyandotte encourages the State of Michigan and County of Wayne to allocate a portion of the ARPA funds it received to support the replacement of the ultraviolet disinfection system for DUWA.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **2022-238 BILLS & ACCOUNTS**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$2,936,710.86 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

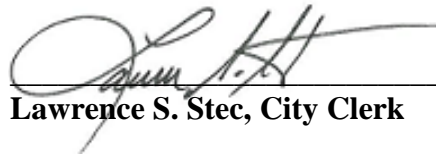
Motion unanimously carried.

**REPORTS & MINUTES**

Fire Commission	06/28/2022
Police Commission	06/28/2022
Recreation Commission	06/08/2022
Retirement Commission	06/17/2022
WMS Commission	07/06/2022

**REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS****ADJOURNMENT****2022-239 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan  
RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 7:43p.m.  
Motion unanimously carried.



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Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk