

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, January 9, 2023, 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: Mayor Robert A. DeSana, Councilpersons Robert Alderman, Christopher Calvin, Kaylyn Crayne, Rosemary Shuryan, Kelly Stec

ABSENT: Councilperson Todd Hanna

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

PRESENTATIONS

- Beautification Commission - 2022 Holiday Award Winners

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

- Alley Vacation: 240 Antoine
- MJC Templin II - Brownfield Plan No. 21 Amendment No. 1
- Show Cause Hearing: 213-215-217 Superior
 - Show Cause Hearing Objection_D. Bargowski
 - Terry & Jim Skolczynski & Kelly Sharpie spoke in favor of demolition

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA

2023-1 MINUTES

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held under the dates of December 19, 2022, be approved as recorded without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-2 SOCIAL DISTRICT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Public Act 124 of 2020, as amended, the City of Wyandotte has established the Wyandotte Social District and Commons Area; and

WHEREAS, the following establishment/licensee located within said Social District and Commons Area, have submitted an application for a Social District Permit; Three Fireman's Pub, Inc. (a.k.a. Firehouse Pub) whose address is 232 Maple Street, Wyandotte and

WHEREAS, said Act provides that the City Council shall review and approve the Social District Permit Applications prior to the licensee's submitting their Social District Permit Applications to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council hereby approve the Social District Permit Application as presented and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the City Clerk to complete the Local Governmental Unit Approval Forms for the Social District Permit Application.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-3 SKIP CLACK FISHING DERBY 2023

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan
RESOLVED by City Council to approve the request of the Special Event Coordinator to approve the use of the Bishop Park Fishing Pier and grassy area near the pier for the Fishing Derby, to be held June 3rd 2023. The area should have clean trash cans, holes filled with dirt in the area and the pier should be power washed the Friday prior to the event date by the Department of Public Service.
Motion unanimously carried.

2023-4 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE 2023

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan
RESOLVED by City Council to approve the request of the Special Event Coordinator to approve the road closure for the City of Wyandotte Independence Day Parade scheduled for Tuesday July 4th 2023.
Motion unanimously carried.

2023-5 CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING 2023

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan
RESOLVED by City Council to approve the request of the Special Event Coordinator to approve of the road closure and use of city property. The parade will necessitate closing Biddle Avenue from Ford Street to Plum Street. Traffic to be rerouted northbound to Third Street and to Ford Street, and Southbound on Fourth Street from Ford Street. We would also like to request permission to utilize the grass area near City Hall and close Sycamore Street from Biddle to Coastal Thai for the Tree Lighting once again this year until 9 pm for the City of Wyandotte Parade and Tree lighting scheduled for Friday, November 17th and Saturday November 18th 2023. Police vehicles will block Sycamore from traffic from 5 pm to 9 pm on the evening of the Tree Lighting.
Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS**2023-6 CHARTER AMENDMENT- OPERATING MILLAGE**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan
RESOLVED by the City Council that

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENT TO INCREASE
CHARTER TAX RATE LIMITATION FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES
City of Wyandotte, County of Wayne
State of Michigan**

At the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held on the 9th day of January, 2023, in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 3200 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, Michigan, as follows:

1. The City Council by at least a three-fifths votes of its members-elect, pursuant to the authority granted by Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended, proposes that Section 5 of Chapter XIII of the City Charter of the City of Wyandotte, shall be amended to read as follows:

Chapter XIII. Finance and Taxation

Section 5. The aggregate amount which the council may raise by general tax upon the taxable real and personal property in the city for the purpose of defraying the general expenses and liabilities of the corporation, and for all purposes for which the several general funds mentioned in section 4 of this chapter are constituted (exclusive of taxes for schools and schoolhouse purposes) shall not, except as herein otherwise provided, exceed in one year, one and one-fourth (1 ¼) per cent, provided that the council may also raise such further money annually, not exceeding three (3) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property in the city as may be necessary to provide an interest and sinking fund to pay the funded debts of the city and interest thereon. In addition, the city shall levy an ad valorem tax in an amount of .175 of one per cent (1.75 mills) on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all such real and personal property in the city for a period of three (3) years, from 2011 through 2013, for general

operating purposes of the City. In addition, the city shall levy an ad valorem tax in an amount of three tenths (.30) of one per cent (3mills) on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all such real and personal property in the city for a period of five (5) years, from 2014 through 2018, for general operating purposes of the City. In addition, the City shall levy an ad valorem tax in an amount of three tenths (.30) of one per cent (3 mills) on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all such real and personal property in the City for a period of five (5) years, from 2019 through 2023, for general operating purposes of the City. In addition, the city shall levy an ad valorem tax in an amount of three tenths (.30) of one percent (3 mills) on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all such real and personal property in the city for a period of ten (10) years from 2024 through 2033 for general operating purposes of the city. The existing Section 5 of Chapter XIII of the City Charter of the City of Wyandotte to be altered by such proposal, if adopted, now reads as follows:

Chapter XIII. Finance and Taxation

Section 5. The aggregate amount which the council may raise by general tax upon the taxable real and personal property in the city for the purpose of defraying the general expenses and liabilities of the corporation, and for all purposes for which the several general funds mentioned in section 4 of this chapter are constituted (exclusive of taxes for schools and schoolhouse purposes) shall not, except as herein otherwise provided, exceed in one year, one and one-fourth (1 ¼) per cent, provided that the council may also raise such further money annually, not exceeding three (3) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property in the city as may be necessary to provide an interest and sinking fund to pay the funded debts of the city and interest thereon. In addition, the city shall levy an ad valorem tax in an amount of .175 of one per cent (1.75 mills) on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all such real and personal property in the city for a period of three (3) years, from 2011 through 2013, for general operating purposes of the City. In addition, the City shall levy an ad valorem tax in an amount of three tenths (.30) of one per cent (3 mills) on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all such real and personal property in the City for a period of five (5) years, from 2014 through 2018, for general operating purposes of the City. In addition, the city shall levy an ad valorem tax in an amount of three tenths (.30) of one percent (3 mills) on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all such real and personal property in the city for a period of five (5) years, from 2019 through 2023, for general operating purposes of the city.

2. The proposed amendment to Section 5 of Chapter XIII shall be submitted to the electors in the following form:

**WYANDOTTE CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT
FOR OPERATING MILLAGE**

Shall Section 5 of Chapter XIII of the City Charter of the City of Wyandotte be amended to require the renewal of the levy of an ad valorem tax in an amount of three tenths of one percent of the assessed value (3 mills) for a period of ten (10) years from 2024 through 2033, on all real and personal property subject to taxation in the city as a renewal of this millage for the purpose of providing funds for general operating purposes? It is estimated that 3.0 mills would raise approximately \$1,781,000.00 when first levied in 2024.

YES

NO

3. The City Clerk shall transmit copies of the proposed amendment of Section 5 of Chapter XIII of the City Charter to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval and transmit a copy of the foregoing statement of purpose of the proposed amendment to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval, as required by law.

4. The proposed charter amendment of Section 5 of Chapter XIII shall be, and the same is hereby ordered to be, submitted to the qualified electors of this City at a special election to be held in the City of Wyandotte, the 2nd day of May, 2023, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration thereof in the manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the charter amendment to the vote of the electors as required by law.

5. The proposed amendment of Section 5 of Chapter XIII shall be published in full together with the existing charter provision altered or abrogated thereby as part of the notice of election.

6. The canvass and determination of votes of said question shall be made in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the City Charter of the City of Wyandotte.

7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

YEAS: Councilpersons Alderman, Calvin, Crayne, Shuryan, Stec and Mayor DeSana

NAYS: None

2023-7 MJC TEMPLIN II- BROWNFIELD PLAN NO. 21 AMENDMENT NO.1

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

WHEREAS, the Wyandotte City Council is authorized by the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended (the "Act"), to create a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2022, the Wyandotte Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (WBRA) adopted the Plan Amendment consisting of property between Ford Road, Biddle Avenue, Spruce and Second Street, as identified in the Plan, subject to passage of a resolution by the Wyandotte City Council. A complete legal description and map of said property is included with the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the WBRA has now submitted notice of the Brownfield Plan Amendment for Site No. 21 to the area taxing jurisdictions to capture under the Plan for review and comment, as required by Act 381; and

WHEREAS, the WBRA has now submitted the Plan for review and approval by the Wyandotte City Council, and the Wyandotte City Council has conducted a public hearing on the matter as required by Act 381;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wyandotte City Council finds that the Brownfield Plan for Site No. 21 constitutes a public purpose through the following considerations:

1. The Plan meets all of the requirements for a Brownfield Plan set forth in Section 13 of the Act;
2. The proposed method of financing the costs of the eligible activities as described in the Plan is feasible;
3. The costs of the eligible activities proposed in the Plan are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purpose of the Act; and
4. The amount of the captured taxable value estimated by the Plan is reasonable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT given the above finding, the Wyandotte City Council hereby approves the Brownfield Plan Amendment for Site No. 21 for implementation by the WBRA.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-8 WAYNE COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: ARPA PROJECT

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council hereby accept an award of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 from the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed Three Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,950,000) to fund the Downtown Infrastructure Project as outlined in the projected scope of work and estimations of cost attached to the contract totaling approximately \$13.3 million, for which the required matching funds will be provided and implemented by the City of Wyandotte and Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority from a multitude of sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the contract entitled "INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE AND CITY OF WYANDOTTE FOR DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT" and all pertinent contract documents related thereto.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-9 ALLEY VACATION AT 240 ANTOINE

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

At a regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE

WHEREAS, this Council by resolution has deemed it advisable and necessary for the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the people of the City of Wyandotte, to vacate and abolish the hereinafter described land in the City of Wyandotte, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, as a public alleys, more particularly described as:

The eighteen (18) foot wide north/south alley abutting Lots 6 and 7, both inclusive, and the eighteen (18) foot wide east/west alley abutting Lots 5 thru 8, both inclusive, and the west 19.73 feet of Lot 9, Antoine Labadie's Subd'n of Part of Section 20 T. 3 S., R. 11 E., Village of Ford (now City of Wyandotte) Wayne Co., Michigan as recorded in Liber 31, Page 11, Wayne County Records.

WHEREAS, due notice has been given of the hearing of objections to said vacation and abolishment; and WHEREAS, said hearing has taken place in accordance with such notice, and 0 objections have been Offered, and this Council is still of the opinion that vacating and abolishing is advisable; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the above-described alleys shall be, and the same is hereby declared, **VACATED AND ABOLISHED** as public alleys,
Motion unanimously carried.

2023-10 SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR 213-215-217 SUPERIOR

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing regarding 213-215-217 Superior be adjourned and be held in abeyance until January 30, 2023.

Motion carried.

YEAS: Councilpersons Crayne, Shuryan, Stec and Mayor DeSana

NAYS: Councilpersons Alderman and Calvin

2023-11 ACQUISITION OF 353 MAPLE

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 353 Maple in the amount of \$120,000.00 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.

2023-12 BILLS & ACCOUNTS

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$2,597,589.30 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby **APPROVED** for payment.

Motion unanimously carried.

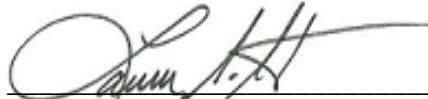
REPORTS & MINUTES

Civil Service Commission 12/08/2022

WMS Commission 11/10/2022

REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS**ADJOURNMENT****2023-13 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Stec, supported by Councilperson Shuryan
RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 8:17 pm.
Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk