

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, March 13, 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, Todd Hanna, Rosemary Shuryan, Kelly Stec

ABSENT: None

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

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

- Alley Vacation: S. of Grove - 5th St. & Albion St.
 - *Zero objections received in person or in writing.*
- Alley Vacation: S. of Grove - Albion St. & 6th St.
 - *Zero objections received in person or in writing.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

2023-60 MINUTES

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held under the dates of February 27, 2023, be approved as recorded without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-61 MUNICIPAL SERVICE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FY2022

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council to receive and place on file the audited Financial Statements for the Department of Municipal Services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-62 WASHINGTON ELEM. ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST – LITERACY WALK

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the request of Kirsten McMaster, Principal of Washington Elementary School, to close Superior Blvd., between 14th and 15th streets on March 23, 2023 from 8:45am - 11am, for the Washington Elementary "Literacy Walk".

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the organization will complete and submit a hold harmless agreement, to be prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs, prior to the event date.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-63 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 1802 – "TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE"

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

WHEREAS, the Wyandotte Knights of Columbus Council #1802 is requesting permission to solicit donations in the annual "Mentally Impaired Drive", also known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive", on March 31st thru April 2nd, 2023.

WHEREAS, the fundraising event will consist of soliciting donations from motorists stopped at traffic signals at the intersections of Eureka and Fort, Fort and Northline, and the Eureka turnarounds by persons wearing vests that clearly identify the Knights of Columbus.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council permits the Knights of Columbus Council #1802 to solicit donations as part of the "Tootsie Roll Drive", provided the organization complies with all regulations set forth in PA 112 of 2017, including the submission of a Liability Insurance Certificate in the amount of \$500,000, and signs a Hold Harmless Agreement as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2023-64 APPT. TO CULTURAL & HISTORICAL COMMISSION – P. NUCCI

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

WHEREAS, Jaclyn Malnar has fulfilled her term on the Cultural and Historical Commission and is not seeking to be reappointed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council thank Ms. Malnar for her service;

RESOLVED the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS with the recommendation of Mayor DeSana to appoint Paul Nucci of 2223 10th St., Wyandotte, MI 48192 to the Cultural and Historical Commission. Term to expire December 2026.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-65 PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the Council concurs with the Chief of Police to purchase four (4) 2023 Chevrolet Police Tahoes from Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids for the total amount of \$ 159,948.00. which was approved in the 2022/2023 fiscal year budget and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that these expenditures will be paid from the Capital Improvement Vehicle account of 402-301-850-530.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-66 BUSINESS LICENSE – MOTHRA TATTOO STUDIO, 3008 FIRST STREET

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED that the license application from Dan Mysliwiec of Mothra Tattoo at 3008 First Street is hereby approved; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorizes the City Clerk to issue the proper license, pending all state, County, and local requirements are met and payment is made and submitted to the City Clerk.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-67 HIRING: CLERK TYPIST I – ENG & BLDG, F. FOSTER

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the Human Resource Specialist regarding the hiring of a Clerk Typist I-Class Code 25C for the Engineering and Building 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 Fox Foster as a Clerk Typist I at Class Code 25C within the Engineering and Building Department effective March 14, 2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-68 MCKINLEY REDEV. PROPOSAL – SAFEWAY ACQUISITION CO.

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

WHEREAS, Safeway Acquisition Company has successfully completed and delivered the provisions outlined in item 1. “Access by Grantee” and the attachment titled “Safeway Acquisition Company: Developer Responsibilities” in the Right of Entry and Access Agreement signed and executed by Mayor Pro Tempore and the City Clerk on November 14th, 2022, and;

WHEREAS the Mayor, City Council and the City of Wyandotte have all received and reviewed Purchaser’s Summary of Findings for redevelopment of the former McKinley School (640 Plum Street), the adjacent green space, playground space, and parking lots (together hereunto referred to as “The Property”) submitted by the Purchaser on February 6th, 2023;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby received and reviewed the Proposal from Safeway Acquisition Company; and authorize negotiations for the Development and Purchase Agreement for McKinley School in accordance with the terms proposed.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-69 ALLEY ENCROACHMENT – 1165-1167 MCKINLEY STREET

RESOLVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL that Council has reviewed the request from the property owner of 1165-1167 McKinley Street to construct a concrete pavement approach, 18' wide, 40' long and 8" thick, to the alley entrance garage in the public alley right of way abutting 1165-1167 McKinley, and has determined that the concrete pavement approach will not be a detriment to the health and safety of the public, and furthermore, authorizes the City Engineer to approve the permit for the concrete pavement approach which encroaches into the public alley right of way subject to submittal of Hold Harmless and Grant of License agreements by the property owner.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-70 LICENSE AGREEMENT RENEWAL: JACK’S RIVER TOURS

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL that Council has received a communication from the City Engineer and Superintendent of Recreation, Leisure & Culture regarding the Renewal of License Agreement with Blue Water Explorations, Ltd., DBA Diamond Jack's River Tours and concurs with the recommendation to approve the Renewal of License, AND

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute the Renewal of License for the period of May 21, 2023 to October 3, 2023, to utilize the Bishop Park dock for a fee of \$250 for each private tour.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-71 BID #4726: 2023 GRASS CUTTING SERVICES EXTENSION

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

Resolved by City Council that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer and APPROVES the contract extension of Bid File #4726 Grass Cutting Services with U.S. Lawns of Livonia for the 2023 Grass Cutting of City property in the amount of \$70,944 paid from accounts:

\$60,192 from Account 492-200-850-520 and

\$10,752 from Account 101-448-825-480.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-72 BID AWARD #4839: DEMO. MCKINLEY - INTERNATIONAL CONSTR.

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from the City Engineer regarding Bid file #4839- Demolition of McKinley School is hereby received and placed on file.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-73 BID AWARD #4842: 2023 SEWER CCTV PROJECT – ROGUE INDUSTRIAL

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer and accepts the bid from Rogue Industrial Services, LLC, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, to perform the storm and sanitary sewer main cleaning and inspection work in accordance with File #4842 - 2023 Downtown CCTV Inspections, in the amount of \$39,477.50, which shall be funded from Account 590-200-926-310; AND BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the contract with Rogue Industrial Services, LLC.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-74 VACATE & ABOLISH ALLEY SOUTH OF GROVE ST. – 5TH TO ALBION

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

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 alley, more particularly described as:

The sixteen (16) foot wide east-west public alley south of Grove Street, between 5th St. and Albion St., abutting Lots 28 thru 37, both inclusive, South Detroit Sub. of part of Sec. 32, T. 3 S., R. 11 E., Ecorse (now City of Wyandotte), Wayne Co., Michigan, as recorded in Liber 14, Page 95, Wayne County Records.

WHEREAS, due notice has been given of the hearing of objections to said vacation and abolishment; and

WHEREAS, said hearing having taken place in accordance with such notice, and zero objections have been offered, and this Council is still of the opinion that said vacation and abolishment is advisable; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the above-described alley shall be and the same is hereby declared VACATED AND ABOLISHED as a public alley,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the operation and maintenance of sanitary sewer mains and structures located in the vacated and abolished alley, and any other existing improvements, shall become the responsibility of the abutting property owners, and the City of Wyandotte shall not be liable for any injury or damage to, or disturbance of, nor shall it have any duty to pay for or replace, any animate or inanimate improvement on, over, under, across, or within said sixteen (16) foot right-of-way.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-75 VACATE ALLEY SOUTH OF GROVE STREET – ALBION TO 6TH

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

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 the hereinafter described land in the City of Wyandotte, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, as a public alley, more particularly described as:

The sixteen (16) foot wide east-west public alley south of Grove Street, between Albion St. and 6th St., abutting Lots 12 thru 22, both inclusive, and Lots 24 and 25, South Detroit Sub. of part of Sec. 32, T. 3 S., R. 11 E., Ecorse (now City of Wyandotte), Wayne Co., Michigan, as recorded in Liber 14, Page 95, Wayne County Records.

WHEREAS, due notice has been given of the hearing of objections to said vacation; and

WHEREAS, said hearing having taken place in accordance with such notice, and zero objections have been offered, and this Council is still being of the opinion that said vacation is advisable; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described alley shall be and the same is hereby declared VACATED as a public alley, reserving to the City of Wyandotte, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Michigan, its successors and assigns forever and in perpetuity from the date hereof, an easement on, over, under,

across, and within the sixteen (16) foot right-of-way of the above described alley for the purpose of constructing, operating, maintaining and repairing existing and future public utilities, sewers and drains, and that said City of Wyandotte, its contractors, employees, agents successors, assigns and lessees shall at all times have free ingress to and egress from said alley right-of-way, to construct, operate, maintain and repair said existing and future utility lines of every nature, and sewers and drains.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby reserved to the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, an easement on, over, under, across and within said sixteen (16) foot wide right-of-way for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating, maintaining, and repairing its existing and future telephone communication system consisting of poles, lines, wires, cables and apparatus; and that said Michigan Bell Telephone Company, its contractors, employees, agents, successors and assigns shall at all times have full ingress to and egress from said sixteen (16) foot wide right-of-way for said purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no structures, or any article or thing whatsoever shall be constructed or maintained on, over, under, across, or within the sixteen (16) foot right-of-way of the above described alley except the erection of fences by the abutting property owners and that in the exercise of the easement and ingress and egress rights heretofore reserved herein said City of Wyandotte shall not be liable for any injury or damage to, or disturbance of, nor shall it have any duty to pay for or replace, any animate or inanimate improvement on, over, under, across, or within said sixteen (16) foot right-of-way.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-76 BILLS & ACCOUNTS

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$ 2,870,715.44 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

REPORTS & MINUTES

Fire Commission	2/14/2023
Police Commission	2/14/2023 & 2/28/2023
WMS Commission	2/22/2023

REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- *Ali Cotner, Joshua Castmore, Ashley Krol, Sarah Wallen, Shawn Teets, James Jones, James Christiano, Dan Madigan, Lisa Beck, Katie Teets, Michelle Hodgkinson, Mike Peters, and Amy Taylor spoke regarding the cell tower placement at Washington Elementary.*


ADJOURNMENT

2023-77ADJOURNMENT

By Councilperson Hanna, supported by Councilperson Stec

RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 8:11pm.

Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk