

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, April 24, 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

2023-122 WAC-PRESENTATION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Wyandotte Community Alliance (WCA) has been a non-profit group in the City of Wyandotte since 1984; and

WHEREAS, their mission has been to restore homes in the city, upgrading neighborhoods, and providing affordable housing for those wanting to purchase in Wyandotte; and

WHEREAS, the WCA has submitted a letter to the Mayor and City Council to dissolve the organization; and

WHEREAS, the WCA bylaws require that they disperse any remaining funds; and

WHEREAS, there is approximately \$241,000 in the WCA bank accounts and WCA is designating the funds to be dispersed as follows:

- \$100,000 will be returned to the City of Wyandotte – the City provided the initial funding for WCA – WCA is designating the funds to the Capital Improvement fund to be used for the Beautification Committee, Recreation Department and/or the new Shipyard Monument

- \$120,000 will be donated to the Wyandotte Scholarship fund to be used for providing scholarship opportunities for Wyandotte Residents that choose to attend trade school upon the completion of high school

- The balance, approximately \$21,000, will be donated to the Downriver Council for the Arts;

and

WHEREAS, the City of Wyandotte thanks the Wyandotte Community Alliance for their many accomplishments and years of hard work and dedication.

NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of Wyandotte receives and places on file the letter from the Wyandotte Community Alliance and accepts the dispersement of funds allocated to the City.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- *Kristin Morris spoke regarding a verbal request for a wage increase for Animal Control Officer.*

CONSENT AGENDA**2023-98 MINUTES**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held under the dates of April 3, 2023, be approved as recorded without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-99 ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DDA & TIFA FY22 (2021 TAXES)

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby receives and places on file the 2022 Annual Reports of the DDA and TIFA in accordance with Act 57 of 2018, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the DDA Director and City Clerk to send the reports to the State Treasurer and the applicable taxing jurisdictions in accordance with Public Act 57 of 2018.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-100 SOCIAL DISTRICT APPLICATION: DISTRICT 142

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

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;

142 Live, LLC. (a.k.a. District 142) whose address is 142 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.

2023-101 SPECIAL EVENTS REQUEST: HOLY COW CREAMERY

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Council Concurs with the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator to approve the use of City property for Holy Cow Creamery in Wyandotte behind their current parking lot at 939 Ford Avenue to have car shows throughout the spring, summer and fall months. See attached application and map.

Holy Cow Creamery - 939 Ford Ave

Tuesdays, 5-8 pm

Grassy area behind businesses' current parking lot

This event has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Service, Department of Recreation, Police Department and Fire Department with the recommendation they sign a hold harmless agreement created by the Legal Department and add the city of Wyandotte as additionally insured to their insurance policy.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-102 LEMONADE CONTRACT 2023 WYANDOTTE STREET FAIR

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Council Concurs with the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator to approve the contract between the City of Wyandotte and Lori's Festive Catering for the Wyandotte Street Art Fair, July 12th – 15th 2023 their insurance and hold harmless will be submitted by June 1, 2023, pending approval of this contract.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-103 MEDIA & PR AGREEMENT WYANDOTTE STREET FAIR 2023

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Council Concurs with the recommendation of the Special Events Coordinator to approve the contract for \$3,000 between the City of Wyandotte and Matt Lee/Drumbeaters for marketing of the 2023 Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

WSAF Expense Account - 285-225-925-860 \$3,000

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS**2023-104 CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Z. FALLSTICH CROSSWALK 4TH & OAK**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Zachary Fallstich in regards to the crosswalk on 4th St. and Oak St. be referred to the Chief of Police and Police Commission for review and report back to Council on May 8, 2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-105 REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that City Council hereby CONCURS with the recommendation of Mayor DeSana to reappoint the following residents:

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION – Term to Expire April 2026

John Darin, Annette Sebestin

FIREFIGHTERS' CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – Term to Expire April 2029

David Liberacki

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMISSION – Term to Expire April 2028

Paul Gouth

PLANNING & REHABILITATION COMMISSION – Term to Expire April 2026

John Sarnacki

Brian Kelly

Megan Jalbert

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION – Term to Expire April 2026

John Harris

RECREATION COMMISSION – Term to Expire April 2028

Jacqueline Jagiello

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS – Term to Expire November 2027

Mike Quint

Motion unanimously carried

2023-106 AMEND RESOLUTION 2019-143 MUNICIPAL SERVICE APPOINTMENT

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

WHEREAS, City Council passed resolution 2019-143 on April 8, 2019, to reappoint various commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Robert Theide was reappointed to the Municipal Service Commission for a 4-year term, but the terms are for five years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council amend resolution 2019-143 to reflect that Robert Thiede's term on the Municipal Service Commission shall expire April 2024.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-107 APPOINTMENT OF CITY ENGINEER- JESUS R. PLASENCIA

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of Mayor Robert DeSana as set forth in his communication dated April 24, 2023, to appoint Jesus R. Plasencia as the City Engineer;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council recognizes and APPROVES the Employment Agreement commencing on April 17, 2023 through April 18, 2025;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said agreement.

AND FURTHER that the City Attorney be directed to prepare the appropriate ordinance.
Motion unanimously carried.

2023-108 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT- GREGORY J. MAYHEW

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

Concur with the recommendation of the City Administrator to enter into the Memorandum of Agreement with Gregory J. Mayhew for work as an Engineering Consultant to the City of Wyandotte and

Further, authorize the Mayor and City Council to sign said Agreement.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-109 HIRING: PROBATIONARY FIRE FIGHTER- A. PETRALIA

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

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 Adrianna Petralia as a Probationary Firefighter in the Fire Department contingent on the successful completion of a psychological evaluation, physical and drug screen examination. Per the Memorandum of Understanding in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Union and the City, Adrianna Petralia will start at the 1-year step of \$52,442.21 annually effective April 25, 2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-110 WYANDOTTE SHRED DAY 2023

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wyandotte City Council that Council Concur with the Wyandotte Municipal Services Commission in utilizing Energy Optimization (EO) Administration funding to host a

city-wide shred day to promote and educate environmentally responsible recycling of paper through safe and secure shredding, and that the Wyandotte City Council authorizes sponsoring Shred Day on Saturday, May 6th 2023 between 9 AM and Noon in the City Hall Parking Lot.
Motion unanimously carried.

2023-111 MARKETS OF DOWNTOWN WYANDOTTE 2023

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne
BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Council Concurs with the recommendation of the Special Events Coordinator and Director of the Downtown Development Authority for use of city property and that the parking to be posted as use for the market vendor parking from the below dates and times.

The Markets of Downtown Wyandotte:

Dates: June 2nd through October 27th 2023 – no market to take place the Thursday of the Wyandotte Street Art Fair:

July 13th 2023

Times: 12 to 7 pm

Locations to be used: Set up to start at 11 am each

- Sycamore and Biddle Avenue – Area near City Hall
- The use of sidewalks and city property along Biddle Avenue from Oak to Eureka Road for merchants and vendors
- City property around the Clock Tower area at Maple Street and Biddle Avenue
- Grassy Lot at 1st and Elm Street
- South side row of parking spots in Parking Lot #11, located next to the grassy lot
- No parking signs to be placed in necessary areas prior to the event

All vendors will sign hold harmless agreements, be required to add the City as additional insured to their policy if they carry one and remain on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-112 PLANTER BOXES IN RIGHT OF WAY AT 1705 11TH

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne
RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer, and in accordance with Code of Ordinance Sec. 174.008(A), permits the encroachment of planter boxes in the south Alkali Street right of way abutting 1705 11th Street, provided the planter boxes do not extend twelve (12) inches above street pavement a distance of three (3) feet from curb line and the face of planter boxes are located a minimum of two (2) feet from the back of curb, and signs a Hold Harmless Agreement and a Grant of License for the encroachments.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-113 REQUEST TO REMOVE TREES AT 166 CHESTNUT ST.

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne
WHEREAS consideration of the tree removal at 166 Chestnut Street be held in abeyance till May 8, 2023 council meeting.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-114 FILE #4844 RECONSTRUCTION OF PULASKI PARK TENNIS COURT

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne
RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer and rejects all bids received for File #4844 – Reconstruction of Pulaski Park Tennis Courts as not being in the best interest of the City of Wyandotte, AND

FURTHER, all bid bonds shall be returned to the bidders.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-115 FILE #4843 2023 SEWER MAIN RECONSTRUCTION

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer and withdraws acceptance of the bid from Compeau Bros., Inc., Carleton, Michigan, to perform the sanitary sewer main construction work in accordance with File #4843 2023 Sanitary Sewer Main Alley North of Oak Reconstruction, and awards the contract to Pizzo Development, LLC, in the amount of \$99,864.00, 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 Pizzo Development, LLC;

FURTHER, the City Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Compeau Bros., Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

2023-116 EMERGENCY REPAIR TO PELICAN STREET SWEEPER #66

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that Council has received and placed on file the communication from the City Engineer and approves the repairs to Pelican Street Sweeper #66 by Bell Equipment in the amount of \$9,368.37, in accordance with the Emergency Procurement section of the procurement rules and policies adopted by the City Council on January 9, 2017.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-117 ACQUISITION OF 3590 11TH ST.

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 3590 11th Street in the amount of \$60,000.00 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.

2023-118 SAD #947: 2021 SIDEWALK PROGRAM PHASE II

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer and directs the City Clerk to schedule a Special Assessment Hearing on May 22, 2023, relative to SAD #947: 2021 Sidewalk Repairs Phase II, covering the area from Goddard Road to North Drive and from 6th Street to Biddle Avenue.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-119 SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST: AL POST 217 PARK DEDICATION

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that Council Concurs with the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Recreation Superintendent to approve the use of city property at 20th and Vinewood on April 29th, 2023, from 2-4 pm for the American Legion Post 217 for a park dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the organization shall sign a hold harmless agreement, as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs, as well as add the City of Wyandotte as additional insured.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-120 BILLS & ACCOUNTS

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$3,364,100.16 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

Motion unanimously carried.

REPORTS & MINUTES


Beautification Commission	04/13/2023
DDA Meeting Minutes	01/10/2023
DDA Meeting Minutes	02/14/2023
Election Commission	04/10/2023
Planning Commission	03/16/2023
Police Commission	03/28/2023
Zoning Board of Appeals	03/01/2023

REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS**ADJOURNMENT****2023-121 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 8:23pm.

Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk