

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, October 09, 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, Kaylyn Crayne, Christopher Calvin, Todd Hanna, Rosemary Shuryan, Kelly Stec

ABSENT: None

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

- SAD #953: Pave 7th Street North of St. John’s
 - *Thomas Schantz, verbal objection*
 - *Sheryl Gearhart, Kris & Gary Kettinger, Rita & George Wylie, Julie Kiss, Rose Belman, Salvatore & Giovanna Vitale, Donald Iskerka submitted written objections*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-302 SAD #953: PAVE 7TH STREET NORTH OF ST JOHNS

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

WHEREAS, it has been determined by this Council to be advisable and necessary to grade and pave the street hereinafter described, in the City of Wyandotte, and to pay all or a part of the cost thereof by special assessment on the lots, parts of lots, and parcels of land abutting thereon as well as benefiting therefrom, excepting from said assessment, the improvement expense attributable to alley and street intersection, City-owned land, owner occupied single family dwellings, owner occupied multi-family rental dwellings will be assessed in that proportion that the property is used for purposes other than that of the owner occupying same in comparison to the total assessable portion of the entire property, and other property not assessable by law, the expense of which, together with any improvement expenses remaining after the aforesaid assessment, shall be defrayed from the General Fund of the City; and WHEREAS, the time and place having been fixed for the hearing of objections to the proposed grading and paving of the following public street in the City of Wyandotte, and to pay part of the cost thereof, to-wit:

The fifty (50) foot wide public 7th Street from St Johns to the dead end 110 feet to the north, abutting: Lot 135 and Lot 138, Lot 33, The Reaume Subd’n of Lots 33 & 38 & a part of Lots 32 & 39 of the Subd’n of the Estate of Antoine Labadie, P.C. 112 & Lot 2 of the Subd’n of the Estate of Peter Perry Sr., of part of Fractional Section 20, Village of Ford (now City of Wyandotte), Wayne County Michigan, as recorded in Liber 32 of Plats, Page 30, Wayne County Records.

WHEREAS, due notice of said hearing having been given by first class mail in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided; and said hearing having taken place in accordance with said notice as mailed, and eight (8) objections having been brought to the attention of this Council; and WHEREAS, after such hearing this Council, still being of the opinion that said improvement is advisable and necessary, and that it is still deemed advisable and necessary to proceed with said grading and paving,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the maps, plans and diagrams of said public street

improvement and of the special assessment district as hereinafter described to pay part of the cost thereof as evidenced by the Engineer's estimate for such construction accepted by this Council, be approved and confirmed and the improvement constructed accordingly;

RESOLVED FURTHER that said district be and hereby is designated a special assessment district #953 against which the cost and expenses of said improvements are to be assessed, consisting of lots, parts of lots and parcels of land in the City of Wyandotte, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 37 thru 40, both inclusive, Cunningham-Tobias Co. Goddard Park Sub. of part of Lot 3, Sub. of Secs. 20 & 21, also part of Lots 34 & 37 of Sub. of P.C. 112, Village of Ford & the Twp. of Ecorse (now City of Wyandotte), Wayne Co., Michigan, as recorded in Liber 39 of Plats, Page 55, Wayne County Records; and Lots 133 thru 135, both inclusive, and Lots 138 thru 145, both inclusive, Lot 33, The Reaume Subd'n of Lots 33 & 38 & a part of Lots 32 & 39 of the Subd'n of the Estate of Antoine Labadie, P.C. 112 & Lot 2 of the Subd'n of the Estate of Peter Perry Sr., of part of Fractional Section 20, Village of Ford (now City of Wyandotte), Wayne County Michigan, as recorded in Liber 32 of Plats, Page 30, Wayne County Records.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Assessor is directed to prepare an assessment roll pursuant to the City Charter requirements. The amount thereof may be divided into not more than five (5) installments, one of which shall be collected each year, at such times as the council shall determine, with annual interest at a rate not exceeding six (6) per cent per annum, but the whole assessment after confirmation may be paid to the city treasurer at any time in full, with the accrued interest thereon, provided that no interest shall be charged until thirty (30) days after confirmation.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each assessment levied against real property will be due in full upon any transfer in any matter of property.

Motion denied.

YEAS: NONE

NAYS: Councilpersons Alderman, Calvin, Crayne, Hanna, Shuryan, Stec

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

CONSENT AGENDA

2023-303 MINUTES

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held under the date of September 25, 2023, be approved as recorded without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-304 SOCIAL DISTRICT PERMIT APPLICATION: JBIRD WINE BAR

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 is located within said Social District and Commons Area, have submitted an application for a Social District Permit;

BRJD, LLC. (a.k.a. JBird Wine Bar) whose address is 150 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.

2023-305 2023 COOKIE WALK

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

WHEREAS the Cookie Walk, an event that encourages participants to walk around the Downtown and visit the businesses to receive cookies and treats, is scheduled to take place on November 17, 2023 from 4-9pm.

WHEREAS the owners of Sweet Arrangements and Kekoa Brew Co. have requested to include their food truck to be on site during the event.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the use of city sidewalks, streets, and property for the Cookie Walk event held November 17th, 2023, with additional permissions as follows:

Block 5 parking spots in front of Glowfish (2840 Biddle Ave.) and Community Choice Credit Union (3099 Biddle Ave.) for food trucks with DPS to place signage at 3 parking spots in front of each business stating "No Parking: Friday, November 17th 4-9 pm"; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sweet Arrangements shall:

- Sign a hold harmless agreement, as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs
- Follow all City of Wyandotte ordinances
- If there are any overtime costs for any city staff for said event, Sweet Arrangements will be responsible for those fees.
- Any tents must be weighted (no stakes are allowed to be used to anchor tents) to prevent collapse.
- Clean up before/during and after the event must be done by the businesses who participate in the Cookie Walk and Sweet Arrangements.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-306 CENTER FOR WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S HEALTH- PINK BOWS

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

WHEREAS, the Center of Women and Childrens' Health has submitted a special event application to place pink bows on all trees on Biddle Avenue from Eureka to Henry Ford Hospital in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October; and

WHEREAS, a special event application was submitted and reviewed by the Special Events Coordinator and approved by the Police Chief, Recreation Superintendent, and Department of Public Services;

RESOLVED, that the applicant shall add the City of Wyandotte as additional insurance to their insurance policy and sign and hold harmless agreement; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Council Concurs with the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator to approve the use of city sidewalks, streets and property for October 2023 to place ribbons along Biddle Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if there are any overtime costs for any city staff for said event, the group/organization will be responsible for those fees. Any tents on the street/sidewalk or grassy area must be weighted (no stakes are allowed to be used to anchor tents) to prevent collapse. Clean up before/during and after the event must be done by the Center for Women and Childrens' Health, which includes any signs or decorations. All materials must be cleaned up and removed after the event has taken place.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-307 2023 TRUCK OR TREAT

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the use of the Yack Area Parking Lot or the City Hall Lot city property on October 14th, 2023, from 4-6pm for the 2023 Truck or Treat, with an estimated 300 people in attendance at the event; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that barricades shall be placed to block off parking spots at the event site (once determined); AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that groups who participate shall sign a hold harmless agreement, as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs, shall add the city of Wyandotte to their insurance policy if the group has insurance, and that clean up before, during, and after the event will be done by the groups participating in the Truck or Treat.

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2023-308 BUSINESS COMM: SILVER SHORES – CLOSURE OF DESANA DR.

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the communication received from Ziad Nakad of Silver Shores Banquet Center & Marina to close the last 135 feet of James DeSana Drive is hereby referred to the Department of Engineering & Bldg. for review and report back to Council on October 23, 2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-309 APPOINTMENT: 2024 WSAF COMMITTEE - VARIOUS

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED by the City Council that the Council CONCURS with the recommendation of Mayor DeSana to appoint the following individuals to the 2024 Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee:

Patt Slack

Johnny Kolakowski

Leo Stevenson

Anne Majlinger

Hisam Elawad

Andrew Morsello

Staff: Heather Thiede-Champlin

Ex-Officio: Mayor Robert A. DeSana

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-310 APPOINTMENT: BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION – K. SUMMERS

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

WHEREAS, Patricia Christie has fulfilled her term on the Beautification Commission and is not seeking reappointment; and

WHEREAS, we thank Patricia for her service; and

WHEREAS, Mayor DeSana has recommended the appointment of Kimbelry Lucas Summers to fill the vacancy;

RESOLVED that City Council hereby CONCURS with the recommendation of Mayor DeSana to appoint Kimberly Lucas Summers of 1642 23rd St., Wyandotte, MI to the Beautification Commission.

Term to expire April 2026.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-311 WYANDOTTE EARLY VOTING PLAN

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

WHEREAS in November 2022, Michigan voters approved a constitutional amendment that gives voters the right to vote early and in person at Early Voting sites before statewide and federal elections.

WHEREAS beginning in 2024, Michigan voters have the right to cast a ballot early and in person at an Early Voting site before Election Day. Early Voting will be available beginning with the Presidential Preference Primary in 2024, and every statewide and federal election thereafter.

WHEREAS the constitutional amendment also permits communities to provide Early Voting for local elections.

WHEREAS Early Voting allows a voter to cast a ballot before Election Day, in an experience similar to voting on Election Day. During the Early Voting period, voters are issued a ballot and can then insert their voted ballot directly into a tabulator at their Early Voting Site.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council hereby designates the Copeland Center at 2306 4th Street as the Early Voting Site in the City of Wyandotte for all statewide and federal elections, and local elections at the discretion of the Clerk, starting in 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Early Voting will take place from 8am to 4pm for the 9 consecutive days of early voting beginning on the second Saturday before a statewide or federal election and ending on the Sunday before a statewide or federal election.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-312 2023 HALLOWEEN HOURS

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the Council approves the 2023 Halloween "Trick or Treat" be established from 5:30pm to 7:30pm for the City of Wyandotte on Tuesday, October 31st, 2023

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-313 PURCHASE OF 3663 11TH ST.

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Municipal Services General Manager to acquire the property at 3663 11th Street in the amount of \$ 360,000.00 as appropriated in the approved Water Department capital budget for FY2024.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-314 DPS DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer to purchase a new Ford F-450 dump truck from Gorno Ford in the amount of \$75,840.00, which shall be paid for from Account 402-448-850-530.

Motion carried.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: Councilperson Alderman

2023-315 DPS PICKUP TRUCK PURCHASE

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer to purchase a new Ford F-350 pick-up truck from Gorno Ford in the amount of \$55,535.00, which shall be paid for from Account 402-448-850-530.

Motion carried.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: Councilperson Alderman

2023-316 BID #4744: CITY HALL SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT EXTENSION

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees with the recommendation of the City Engineer and approves the Bid File #4744 contract extension for the snow removal and salt application at City Hall with Pizzo Development Group; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Hall snow removal will be budgeted in the amount of \$15,890 from account 530-444-825-220, and snow removal at city parking lots other than City Hall will be budgeted in the amount of \$4,500 from account 101-448-750-220.

Motion unanimously carried.

2023-317 BILLS & ACCOUNTS

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$10,769,231.71 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

Motion unanimously carried.

REPORTS & MINUTES


Civil Service Commission	09.13.2023
Election Commission Special Meeting	10.04.2023
Recreation Commission Meeting	08.09.2023

REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS**ADJOURNMENT****2023-318 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 7:43pm.

Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk