



Minutes - August 22nd. 2005

Wyandotte, Michigan August 22, 2005

Regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, the Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS - MISCELLANEOUS:

July 21, 2005

To: Mayor and Council

RE: Art in public places: Merrill Lynch Sculpture

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing this in order to inform you that Merrill Lynch through much effort by Leo Stevenson of Merrill Lynch, has acquired the bull which has been displayed in front of River's Edge Gallery in downtown Wyandotte. It has been purchased by their New York Office for their Wyandotte location. Michigan law defines works of art in public places as "an original, visual creation of quality, executed in any shape or size, in any media using any type of materials." (act no 105 of public acts of 1980).

This is a commendable move by a private corporation who is known to possess a fine art collection to place a piece of art in a public venue for all to enjoy. This move towards art in public places can only benefit the city and its residents. I have attached a copy of biannual study results from metro Denver stating that culture in metro Denver generated \$1.3 billion to their area. I have also made available a portion of a 2004 study titled "Gifts of the Muse" that was conducted by The Rand Corporation, an independent research corporation. It categorized benefits from the arts for individuals, families and the community as a whole. The study found broad support for art experiences from the American people. Public surveys found that 75% of Americans agree that exposure to the arts "are a positive experience in a troubled world" "give you pure pleasure" and "give you an uplift from every day experiences". Among the economic benefits it states "The arts sector attracts the types of workers who spend money on the arts

and pay taxes and these workers are the ones that desirable firms (which create good jobs and pay taxes) need in order to prosper. These benefits are known as "public good" benefits and cross all barriers as anyone can enjoy them, just because they are there to enjoy. The study also cites many benefits to starting this appreciation and association with art at an early age.

We started this process of public art with two sculptures in BASF park and before that, our memorials. I can envision a dozen or so major pieces along Biddle and Eureka (many funded by private enterprise as in the case of Merrill Lynch) to give a distinct cultured look. So far this year we have had four groups from the DIA, the Berkowitz Museum, the Birmingham Arts Association, Chatham Canada's Art Association and I am planning a tour now with a women's group from Grosse Pointe in November. All are coming due to the art scene. People will go out of their way for art experiences and meanwhile enjoy all we have to offer. I have also seen people enjoy the sculptures and it has made me proud to have them available for our citizens to enjoy. We have had many people gathering around these pieces and having their pictures taken with them.

I am not sure if there is any protocol for placing art in public places within the city so I am informing the Mayor and Council. Merrill Lynch will sign a hold harmless agreement as we all do when we have items placed outside our locations. I would suggest that if we do not have a policy set on art in public places that we put together a committee to devise such a policy as many cities have done such as Detroit, Albion and Brighton. I will volunteer to be any such committee.

Wyandotte has always been on the forefront of new and innovative ideas and I believe becoming the cultural center of downriver and beyond is just another new and bright idea. I also intend to do press releases and plan a fan fare when the bull is delivered. Hopefully other private enterprises will get the same idea.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia H. Slack, River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192

August 3, 2005

The City of Wyandotte, 3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192

RE: Zoning Appeal #2943

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

This letter is a request of the Council's to approve a hold harmless agreement between the City of Wyandotte and Sew Fun Fabrics, Inc. in order to leave the business sign in the City's right of way. The sign is 3.8' from the City sidewalk. Please see the attached letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Adjustment

which states their recommendation.

If you have any question please contact me. I will be out of town August 5-13. Should my presence at the board meeting be required, then please do not put this on the agenda until August 15.

Your consideration in this matter would greatly be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Debra L. Moffitt, Sew Fun Fabrics, Inc. 664 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192

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August 12, 2005

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Lincoln Memorial Pool has been a lifesaver for me. After a quadruple heart surgery I was able to help my rehabilitation by using the pool.

It would be a shame to close a facility that has helped so many - both physically and mentally.

Please consider keeping the pool open.

Thank you,

Marti Zimmer, Senior

Citizen

20678 E. River Rd.
Grosse Ile, MI 48138

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4516 17th Street
Wyandotte, MI 48192

August 12, 2005

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council.

I am writing to request that you do not vote to close Memorial Pool.

I have been involved with programs at Memorial pool since the early 1970's. I worked for many years with the adaptive recreation program and also the cardiac rehabilitation program sponsored by Henry Ford Hospital. I also helped teach swimming to many fifth grade students from Wyandotte's schools.

I was involved with the Senior Water exercise programs beginning in the early eighties, until October 2004 when my husband, Don, and I retired and became snowbirds.

Memorial Pool has always been an ideal pool for many reasons:

It is handicapped accessible, both in the building and the pool area. We have a lift for physically challenged persons and removable steps which make the pool accessible to most people. Many of our seniors are not able to get in or out of a normal pool due to arthritis or other physical impairments.

It is available during the day time which is ideal for Seniors who are not able to drive at night and who are uncomfortable driving too far from home.

Since Memorial Pool is not utilized for swim teams, we are able to keep the water a bit warmer than a school pool. Many seniors and physically challenged individuals cannot tolerate cold water.

As you consider this vote please remember the countless benefits which this pool has had for groups such as physically challenged, developmentally challenged, Special Olympics, Senior Citizens, children, adults and others.

Instead of closing the pool, please consider ways in which this pool could be more fully utilized. I feel that this pool has a lot of potential and that the proper management and planning it could be come financially self-sufficient.

You could also consider leasing time to rehabilitation clinics that would like to offer aquatic therapy. You could lease time to scuba instructors who would love to teach classes in this pool. There are so many possibilities/It would be a shame to close such a beautiful pool.

Thank You

Lisa Preston

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August 16, 2005

Mayor and Council, City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192

RE: Grant of License Sunshine Hair Salon, 1207 Eureka

Dear Mayor and Council,

We respectfully request permission to erect a portion of a concrete barrier free entrance ramp on City owned property.

The proposed ramp would extend approximately 32" beyond the line of the building and terminate at the edge of the existing sidewalk. Also the barrier free required handrails will extend to the sidewalk line.

The ramp is required by the building code for the renovations proposed for the inside of the building and this is the only practical location of the ramp.

We thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cindy Bair, Owner, 1207 Eureka

Wyandotte City Mayor and City Council
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to inform you of our auction sales that we have at this location and the fees that we charge for the sales.

I would first like to inform you that we have an automobile sale every other Thursday. In these auctions we sell vehicles for the Wayne County Sheriff Department, the Wayne County Prosecutors Office, the Cities of Brownstown, Taylor, Lincoln Park, Romulus, River Rouge, Southgate, Woodhaven, Grosse Ile, Riverview and Ecorse. Once or twice a year, depending on the volume, we have an equipment sale. At this sale equipment is sold for those listed above along with the Wayne County Road Commission and the Wayne County Airport.

We pick up items that are to be sold. If they need to be towed there will be a minimal fee that will be charged. We like to have the equipment available to be picked up three to four weeks prior to the sale.

We have approximately 26 auction sales a year and there are between 300 and 750 persons that attend these sales.

We charge 3 percent on all items and vehicles sold. Our office handles all paperwork.

If you have any questions regarding our sale feel free to contact me.

Thank You.
Vic Martin, Martin's Sales

& Towing

17180 Dix-Toledo Road
Brownstown, MI 48183

August 15, 2005

Mayor James DeSana & City Council, 3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor and Council,

Where as the Crafters Alley Craft Show held on First St. between Oak & Elm St. during the Art Fair was a total success, there was only positive response except about weather. Therefore, the WBA request permission to continue to hold this event as an annual addition to the overall experience of shoppers visiting Wyandotte during the Art Fair. We feel we can improve the quality of crafters and completely fill the entire one block area in 2006 and thereafter by starting now.

We were very diligent in working with the Art Fair committee and addressing all of their concerns and will continue to do so. We will also continue to work with the electric department, engineering department, police and fire department and we appreciate their support and consideration.

We are asking for your approval at this time because crafters plan their shows far in advance and we wish time to receive the best of the best crafters applications.

We look forward to your support on this event and all activities meant to encourage living, shopping and enjoying the beautiful historic Wyandotte.

Very truly yours,

Marvin Scanlon, Committee Chairperson
Wyandotte Business Association c/o City Hall
Wyandotte, MI 48192

August 17, 2005

Honorable Mayor James DeSana
Honorable Council Members

I am writing to you tonight to request an addition to our Property Maintenance Ordinance known as our Property Maintenance Code. I am requesting that an addition requiring a hook - up for a cooking stove/oven be required in rental dwellings. This is not to mean the apparatus needed from the hook-up to the stove/oven but the hook-up itself whether electric or gas.

I was recently made aware of a dwelling a family has been renting for

eleven (11) years where they did not have a hook-up for a stove/oven and were using a hot plate to cook on. This family has been paying rent to a resident landlord and had been told if they wanted a stove/oven they would have to pay the cost of such a hook-up to be run into the kitchen area. The cost was too prohibitive for this family and thus they have lived in this situation for all this time. I mistakenly assumed we required at the very least such a hook-up in our ordinances but learned from our Engineering Department that such a requirement is not part of any Ordinance passed by our Council. In this day and age it would seem to me that such a requirement should and would be included so a family renting a house would be able to cook meals in a commonly acceptable fashion. Since my knowledge of this family's predicament the landlord has most recently stated he would now provide a hook-up for an electric stove that this family has acquired.

I am requesting that Section PM-603.0, Mechanical Equipment be changed to provide for a hook-up for a stove/oven so other rental houses in our City at the very least provide that a family may cook meals in a fashion that is commonly accepted as a norm by all our residents without having to assume a prohibitive cost of installing such themselves, which I assume would require a permit fee and inspection of installation to do so.

Richard Miller, 1202

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PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Mayor DeSana here inquired whether there were any persons present having matters of immediate importance which they were unable to place in writing prior to Thursday, August 18, 2005, at four-thirty p.m.

Roseann Gabrys, 346 Orange, can the handicap bus take the people to the YMCA?

Richard Miller, 1202 - 2nd, relative to his item, it's in the housing code.

Jeff Prizza, 1072 - 19th, relative to comments made of overtime in the amount of \$36,000.

Terrence Whitman, 456 Superior, read the following:

August 22, 2005

Hon. Mayor and Council,

The last council meeting (Aug 8th) cast a negative light on the city's firefighters and the department as a whole. This was based almost entirely on misinformation and on unsubstantiated supposition.

It is true that, following two amendments, the department's overtime budget is now \$300,000 for the year. We started the fiscal year with a budget of \$200,000. We exceeded it, but we always exceed it. I am nearing my 19th year with the Wyandotte Fire Department and have yet to see a year in which the budget provided by the city did not require amendment. Unfortunately, the current economic climate is such that required amendments are more painful to grant and focus a spotlight on the department.

At the last council meeting, it was stated that almost 83% of overtime is incurred as a direct result of time being taken off by members of the department. This may be true but it needs to be acknowledged that the overall size of the department has steadily decreased over the years. This, too, is having an impact on incurred overtime costs. Although I would have to do more research, I do not believe that the average level of time off per person is any higher than in previous years, but due to the smaller department size time off is having a greater impact. The independent study conducted in 1996 by the Sage Group stated, "We in no way believe the department could function with fewer personnel". They also cited the fact that, as opposed to hiring additional personnel, the city found it preferable to maintain the current level and pay the associated overtime. The "current level" at that time was 37; we are now at 32, including the chief and assistant chief, whose jobs are strictly administrative and don't ride the trucks.

Mayor DeSana, at a recent budget hearing held up Southgate's fire department as a comparable saying, "They provide their service with 6 men on duty". This is true, but I would like to point out that Southgate's overtime budget is approximately \$500,000 per year and Southgate's overall operating budget is twice ours (about 5 million dollars per year). For that they only provide 6 persons on duty and don't even transport their own patients to hospitals. After arriving at a rescue scene, they wait for a private ambulance to come and handle their patients. So for about half the cost of Southgate's department, we provide more fire protection coverage and Advanced Life Support with immediate transportation to the appropriate facility. If comparisons are to be made, they need to reflect all pertinent information.

The fact that the other 120 city employees use less overtime than the fire department was deemed "startling". Keep in mind that other city departments a) don't work 24-hour shifts b) might not require that someone be called in to work overtime should time-off be taken and c) may not have a daily roster mandated by city council to provide 24-hour, 365-day protection. Further, not all city services are available seven days a week. The Wyandotte Fire Department has been open for business all day, every day, for over 100 years without interruption. Few enterprises can make this statement.

In regard to the city's recent request to allow modifications to the existing contract with the firefighters' union I have this to say: exhibit 4, which the city wished to remove from the contract until October 1st, is the council resolution guaranteeing 8 personnel per day on duty. The Wyandotte firefighters are

seriously concerned about citizen safety and have worked very hard to maintain the present daily staffing level. For the city to then ask us to lower this level was unrealistic. We could never voluntarily give it up. As for the second option - the limiting of available vacation time to one person per day instead of two as provided for in the contract - this could possibly have been acceptable to the union membership had it come earlier. When Mr. Drysdale approached me with this idea, I told him that it had a chance of being approved if the language excluded vacations already assigned, but the proposal forwarded for the union's consideration made no such exclusions. This would have allowed for vacations already planned, but would have limited the availability of additional open vacation days.

Additionally, the union membership is naturally concerned about letting things be removed from the contract. Precedents have been set where, once given away, these items can be very hard to reinstated. The union did offer counter proposals to Mr. Drysdale which admittedly deferred overtime costs into the next fiscal year instead of eliminating them entirely. However, with a fresh round of contract negotiations about to begin, the city and union could work together to find equitable measures to reduce future costs and thereby make the deferrals from this fiscal year manageable. The union has already been discussing some possibilities which could very well save considerable money and be acceptable to all concerned.

Finally, and most importantly, **NOBODY** in the department has ever made \$36,000 in overtime. In fact, the personnel with the most overtime on the department have earned well below \$15,000 this year. The statement that multiple people have made \$36,000 (and a couple at \$24,000) caused concerns among the people in the audience as well as those on the other side of the cameras. A quick glance at the city's website will illustrate the public reaction to these inaccurate statements.

After hearing these figures at the last council meeting, I approached Mr. Drysdale in the audience and said that they could not be correct - that a firefighter would have to take 50 to 60 twenty-four hour call-ins to make that much overtime in a year (to the best of my knowledge, the highest number of call-ins in department history is 22). Todd told me the name of one of the employees who had earned \$36,000 and offered to show me the figures on the computer in his office. When he brought up the data, the individual's total overtime showed less than \$15,000 (I remember it as something over 13,000 but cannot recall the exact figure). Todd seemed surprised and said that, if further research supported these lower figures, a retraction would be made at the next meeting. Tonight I am expecting that retraction and further, I would like to see it on the city's website as well. It may have been nothing more than a simple program glitch or clerical error which generated these inflated numbers, but the effect those numbers had on the council members and the public reflected very badly on the fire department. I hope to put this to rest tonight so that we can all move forward.

As I have stated here repeatedly, the fire department is here to serve the citizens, and the firefighters' union will work with city council to continue that service. The union realizes that changes are coming and through the process of proper contract negotiations, we are convinced that equitable, workable solutions can be found. It's important during these difficult times, as it is in any crisis, for all parties to avoid rash decisions and statements based on insufficient or incorrect information.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak and clarify some issues.

Sincerely,

Terrence G. Whitman, President, Wyandotte Firefighters
I.A.F.F. Lo. 356

Vernon Elmore, 2356 - 17th, regarding the closing of memorial pool and how much money was used on the pool. Item #7, how much rent is the lady paying? Should build the Court/Police facility.

Elizabeth Johnson, 834 - 8th, buckled sidewalk due to large tree, wants it cut down.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS:
August 3, 2005

Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana, City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor DeSana:

As you know, I will soon be relocating to the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, and am therefore tendering my resignation as a member of the City of Wyandotte Tax Increment Financing Authority/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve with Chairman Charles Mix and the other TIFA/BRDA board members, and to have been involved in the impressive progress being made in redeveloping our community.

I thank you, the City Council and the community for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,
Kevin M. Maynard, Wyandotte Municipal Services, 3005 Biddle, Wyandotte,
MI 48192
August 18, 2005

The Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

At the Wyandotte Municipal Service Commission meeting of August 2, 2005, the Commission appointed Mr. Bruce N. Harris as the Interim General Manager effective August 3, 2005. As Interim General Manager, Mr. Harris' annual salary will be \$92,780. The Municipal Service Commission asks that the Mayor and City Council concur in this action.

Sincerely yours,

City of Wyandotte
DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICE
Gregory L. Riggle, Municipal Service Commission President

August 19, 2005

The Honorable City Council, City of Wyandotte

Gentlemen and Madam:

On the agenda for the council meeting of August 22, 2005, is a communication from the Municipal Service Commission appointing Bruce Harris as the Interim General Manager at the Department of Municipal Service and setting his annual salary.

I would hope that all of you will concur with this recommendation so we can move on and begin our search for the person that will replace Mr. Maynard.

Thanking you in advance for your support, I remain

Sincerely,
James R. DeSana, Mayor

August 18, 2005

The Honorable James R. DeSana, Mayor and Members of City Council
City of Wyandotte

Gentlemen and Madam:

On August 1-5, 2005, the City of Woodhaven hosted the 20th Annual Downriver Senior Olympics. I am extremely proud to announce the names of the representatives from the City of Wyandotte that were awarded medals at this exciting event:

Arnold Vernier: Silver Medal, Bowling
Camilla McBride: Gold Medal, Bocce Ball and Bronze Medal, Soccer Kick

Harold Porter: Gold Medal, Golf (Best Ball Scramble), Gold Medal, Bowling and Silver Medal, Golf (Longest Drive)
John McWilliams: Silver Medal, Bocce Ball
Mary Chojnowski: Gold Medal, Shuffleboard
Pat Kitze: Silver Medal, Tennis
Phyllis Humenik: Gold Medal, Golf (Best Ball Scramble) and Bronze Medal, Golf (Longest Drive)
Shirley Mead: Gold Medal, Golf (Best Ball Scramble)
Walter Cerulla: Bronze Medal, Bowling

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Jim Knopp and the Recreation Department, along with Alice Sidebottom, Senior Coordinator, for all their hard work. Hopefully, the number of participants from Wyandotte will be even higher next year!

Again, congratulations to everyone involved in the 2005 Senior Olympics.

Sincerely,
Joseph R. Peterson, Councilmember

August 18, 2005

The Honorable James R. DeSana, Mayor and Members of City Council
City of Wyandotte

Gentlemen and Madam:

According to Chapter VII, Section 11, of the City Charter, the Department of Municipal Services is indeed that - a department of the City. I believe it is the City Council's responsibility as elected officials, to ensure that the City is operating as well as possible and giving as much back to the citizens as possible. To that end, I believe that the Municipal Service Commission and the employees also believe in that goal. In order for the City Council to be truly informed regarding this department of the city, however, an effective means of communication and reporting must be followed.

Chapter VII, Section 18 of the City Charter requires that the Commission file quarterly reports to the Council that include an itemized statement of the revenues and expenditures relating to or connected with each of the utilities under its control. Since my election to the Council, I have never received this report.

In addition, this section of the Charter states that the Commission shall also submit such other reports as the council may from time to time require. Thus, I am requesting concurrence from my colleagues in requiring the Commission to formally file the following reports with the City Council, in addition to the quarterly reports required by the City Charter:

1. Annual budget
2. Monthly budget-to-actual statements, including a quarterly schedule of debt ratio compliance
3. All budget amendments approved by the Commission
4. A summary of the retirement benefits available to employees and updated when any changes occur
5. A summary of health insurance benefits available to employees and updates when any changes occur
6. A schedule of wages earned by employees and updates when any changes occur
7. A summary schedule of initiatives implemented relative to the Organizational Review performed by Plante Moran and updates when any changes occur

In return, I believe that the General City should provide any information to the Municipal Service Commission that they would deem useful in making our organization run more smoothly and efficiently. Any requests for information should be forwarded to the City Council where we can refer the request to the appropriate department for action.

I hope you will concur in the request to receive this important information. We have come to a crossroads whereby it is no longer prudent to view ourselves as separate and distinct operations. Only through effective communication, genuine cooperation, and persistent efforts to improve the way business is operated will we conquer the challenges facing us today and into the future.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Peterson, Councilmember

August 18, 2005

The Honorable James R. DeSana, Mayor and Members of City Council
City of Wyandotte

Gentlemen and Madam:

As you are aware, the Budget Committee has been meeting regularly to discuss possible ways for the City to address our budget problems. At the meeting held July 27, 2005, suggestions were made to the Police and Fire Departments to evaluate the possibility of implementing a Public Safety Department within the City. Also previous efforts were supported by the city council to evaluate and implement a regional dispatch system with neighboring communities (see attached Council resolution dated July 26, 2004). I am unaware of any progress toward these efforts.

According to Chapter VII, Section 26 of the City Charter, the Police and Fire Commission is generally entrusted with the oversight of the Police and Fire Departments, including the responsibility to make recommendations to the City Council regarding issues that affect the public peace and safety within our city. As such, I am requesting that the City Council concur with me in directing this commission to develop and present recommendations and implementation plans to achieve the following:

1. The implementation of a Public Safety Department within the city; and
2. The creation of a regionalized, consolidated dispatch center with neighboring communities.

I understand that these two ideas are complex in nature and will require consideration of the various collective bargaining agreements within the city. Additionally, it may require significant financial analyses, as well as cooperation from other communities, for portions of these initiatives to be successful. The Commission should utilize any additional city resources they find necessary to help address these issues.

Recently, I have indicated many times that it is time to stop talking about making positive changes and begin to start actually doing something to make these necessary changes become a reality. I am hoping that assigning the responsibility of making these two ideas become a reality to the Police and Fire Commission - where I believe these issues should be evaluated according to the City Charter - will establish the necessary accountability to progress these concepts beyond simple discussion.

I hope my fellow Councilmembers will agree and support a resolution requiring the Commission to report back within one month with an implementation plan and recommendations to make the concepts of a Public Safety Department and regionalized dispatch operations a reality.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Browning, Councilmember

August 5, 2005

Mayor and City Council, City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

SUBJECT: COUNCIL RESOLUTION - ANIMAL PERMITS

This letter is in response to Council Resolution, dated July 26, 2005, regarding the communication from Gary Bonaventura, 409 Biddle Avenue,

Wyandotte, Michigan, regarding the issuance of a three (3) year animal license. The Administration reviewed this request with the Records Department and Animal Control Officer and concurs with Mr. Bonaventura's suggestion.

To facilitate this change the Police Department will work with Mr. Look, City Attorney, for an ordinance amendment to include the issuance of one (1) year, two (2) year or (3) three year license, dependent upon the rabies vaccination expiration date. Concluding revision, the ordinance amendment will be presented to Council for authorization. Further, upon adoption of the ordinance additional animal licenses will be ordered by the Police Department for implementation.

If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned during normal business hours at extension 4422.

Sincerely,
Lance R. Greene
Deputy Chief of

Police

August 16, 2005

Mayor DeSana & City Council
City of Wyandotte

Dear Mayor DeSana & City Council Members:

In reference to the Council Resolution of July 26, 2005 relative to the issuance of three year animal licenses.

The undersigned has reviewed said issue with the Deputy Chief of Police Lance Greene and concurs with the recommendation to amend said ordinance through the City Attorney with implementation effective January 1, 2006.

Sincerely,
William R. Griggs
City Clerk

August 15, 2005

Mayor and City Council, City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 2005-08

The Police Administration received a recommendation from the Traffic Bureau for approval of the installation of "No Parking Friday 8am to Noon"

signs at 3515 13th and 3399 13th, Wyandotte, Michigan. This request for sign placement was originated by a letter submitted by Chris Calvin, Sanitation Supervisor, Department of Public Works, to allow Waste Management rubbish trucks to enter the apartment complex parking lot on Fridays to retrieve trash dumpsters.

Concluding review of this request, and in concurrence with the Traffic Sergeant Pouliot's recommendation, this letter serves as a recommendation for Council approval of Traffic Control Order 2005-08 as specified on said order. If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact my office at extension 4424.

Sincerely,
Lance R. Greene, Deputy

Chief of Police

Thursday, August 18, 2005

Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Wyandotte

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

The 20th Annual Wyandotte Heritage Days Festival is scheduled for September 10th and 11th, 2005. This letter is sent to request the following necessities be granted:

1. Permission for the use of Bishop Park from Friday, September 9th, 2005 at approximately 5:00 pm to allow exhibitors, vendors, and participants to set up their displays, through Monday, September 10th, 2005, 8:00 am..
2. Permission to allow overnight encampments by the historical re-enactors at Bishop Park.
3. Permission to utilize parking lot number 1, between Elm and Oak for participant and charged patron parking.
4. Permission to prohibit access on Van Alstyne from Chestnut to Superior St, except for local traffic and to prohibit access on Van Alstyne from Chestnut to Oak to accommodate concession trailers, refrigeration trucks and supply vehicles.
5. Allow the use of the Bishop Park Dock for Historical Boat Tours aboard the Diamond Jack and to wave any docking fees.

6. Permission for historical re-enactors to safely perform artillery demonstrations (cannon and rifle) using "blank" rounds.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of this event!

Sincerely,

Jody Chansuolme, Director of Museums

August 18, 2005

The Honorable James R. DeSana, Mayor and City Council Members
3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members,

Attached for your review and approval are two (2) Memorandums of Understanding between the City of Wyandotte and the Wyandotte Police Patrol Bargaining Unit relative to the collective bargaining agreement for the period from February 1, 2003 through January 31, 2006.

The undersigned recommends approval of these Memorandums of Understanding. The Patrol bargaining unit still intends to pursue an arbitrator's ruling relative to the retirement benefits received by employees hired after February 1, 1999.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Drysdale, Director of Financial and Administrative Services

August 19th, 2005

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Wyandotte

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has received a request to appoint Frank J. Salvati as personal representative for the estate of Frank

Persichillo, partner with Grace Persichillo, Deceased, Holders of 2004 Class C Licensed Business located at 3144 Biddle, Wyandotte, MI. 48192, Wayne County. In order to do so the Police Department has to complete the attached form which includes various issues regarding the business.

Said request was referred to the City Engineer, City Treasurer, Chief of Police and the Fire Chief, Municipal Service and the Department of Legal Affairs copies of which are attached.

In view of the above, said application is being forwarded to you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William R. Griggs, City Clerk

August 18, 2005

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana And City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members:

The City's AutoCAD System is in need of updating. Therefore, attached please find a quote from DLT Solutions Inc., Herndon, Virginia. DLT Solutions Inc., is the sole supplier of this system and governmental discounts do apply.

Therefore, the undersigned recommends the enclosed price quotation from DLT Solutions for \$5,563.58 be approved.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski
City Engineer
Administrative/Financial Services

Todd A. Drysdale
Director of

August 17, 2005

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana And City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and Council Members:

In response to the communication from Debra Page, 221 Bondie, relative to the removal of a portion of the approach in front of her house, the following applies.

In the past, the property owners at 221 Bondie allowed the owners at 227 Bondie to use a portion of 221 Bondie's west sideyard to access the garage at 227

Bondie. In April, 2002, the Page's re-established the west property line and erected a privacy fence on this property line. This resulted in approximately three (3) feet of the existing driveway along the east side of the dwelling at 227 Bondie to be removed. A survey established that the east sideyard setback for 227 Bondie is 6.7 feet. This is not enough room to park a car in the sideyard as required by the Zoning Ordinance for off-street parking.

On January 25, 2002, the Page's and the Hovis', the previous property owners at 227 Bondie, executed a Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release document attached. This Agreement includes a Notice Regarding Interest in Real Estate and states the following in Section 3:

“That the property used by Hovis which encroaches upon the Page property shall be by permissive use only and such rights shall terminate upon Hovis' termination in interest of their property.”

The Engineering and Building Department had no knowledge of this document until July 29, 2005.

The concrete slab that exists from the front of the house at 227 Bondie to the sidewalk is now considered an existing non-conforming parking slab. Existing nonconforming conditions are allowed to remain until the property is sold or rented. At the time of an Upon Sale or Rental Inspection the parking situation would be cited as non-conforming.

The remedy to the non-conformity when the property is inspected would be to remove the concrete parking slab and approach and install a full height curb. This would leave no access to the garage at 227 Bondie. An alternative would be to request a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow front yard parking along with a permit from the Police and Fire Commission in accordance with Section 42-56 of the Wyandotte Code of Ordinances.

The permit from the Police and Fire Commission would be required because there appears to be only 16'-10" from the front of the dwelling to the front property line. A vehicle longer than this would encroach onto the City of Wyandotte right-of-way.

Debra Page's specific request to the City is that the approach between the sidewalk and the curblin in front of her property be removed. The city's normal policy for approaches is to allow one (1) foot of extension beyond a property owners extended property line to be utilized when constructing an approach.

Therefore, to resolve this situation, I recommend the Wyandotte Department of Public Service (DPS) sawcut and remove a portion of the existing approach at

227 Bondie. The DPS would start at the north edge of the sidewalk in line with the east property line of 227 Bondie and cut to the curb at a point one (1) foot east of the extension of the east property line. This also will allow the parking of one (1) additional car on the street. The cost of said work would be invoiced and paid for by the owners of 221 Bondie.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

August 18, 2005

The Honorable Mayor DeSana and City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

RE: Police/Court Project

Dear Mayor DeSana and Council Members:

The Police and Court Project was suspended at the City Council meeting of August 8, 2005. As part of suspending the project a tabulation of the project cost was completed and is attached.

The project construction cost, based on solicited bids and estimated cost, is \$8,940,672. If the deductions consisting of removing the magistrate court area, firing range area, decorative soffits in some areas and utilizing cast stone, are factored in the overall cost is reduced to \$8,093,672. This cost includes a contingency of \$302,022 and there is a potential cost savings of approximately \$100,000 depending on the soils encountered during excavation operations.

Based on the language included in the specifications, the cost proposals are binding for the following scopes of work:

20 th	Construction of Sewers & Parking Lot Base	30 days from July
3 rd	Conduit Installation (Phone, Electrical & Cable)	30 days from August
August 3 rd	Furniture (Purchase & Installation)	60 days from
August 3 rd	Construction of Building	90 days from

During the suspension, the City of Wyandotte could either hold the bid bonds for the time frames indicated in the specifications or return the bid bonds.

To terminate the bidding process the City Clerk should be directed to return the bid bonds and the City Treasurer to return the bid checks.

Very truly yours,
Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

August 17, 2005

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana and City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Attached please find Purchase Agreement for the City to acquire the following properties:

615 Orchard	\$85,000.00	TIFA Consolidated Area Funds
1041 Eureka	\$75,000.00	TIFA Consolidated Area Funds

If this meets with your approval, I recommend that the Department of Legal Affairs be directed to prepare the necessary sale documents and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute same. I further recommend that the undersigned be authorized to demolish same.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

August 15, 2005

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana And City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and Council Members:

In June of 2004, the City of Wyandotte entered into a Contract with Wilkie & Zanley, Architects, AIA, to upgrade the Benjamin Yack Arena. Wilkie and Zanley have completed the Feasibility Study with detailed recommendations, including preliminary plans and budget. Based on the Feasibility Study, the preliminary construction cost is estimated to be \$2,717,400. Attached is the Preliminary Construction Cost dated July 26, 2004, and a Revised Preliminary Construction Cost dated July 5, 2005, listing the work to be performed.

A Council Resolution, dated June 14, 2005, authorized the utilization of \$200,000 of DDA Funds to be used for architectural purposes. In accordance with the Contract with Wilkie and Zanley, Article 11 Basis of Compensation, the fee for providing the Basic Services of Schematic Design (15%), Design Development (10%), Construction Documents (50%), Bidding (5%), and Construction Administration (20%) will be 6.5% of the construction cost. Also, there is a credit of 50% for the \$25,000 fee for the Preliminary Study.

Therefore, the estimated fee is \$176,631 less \$12,500, or \$164,131.

The amount set aside for architectural purposes is sufficient to allow Wilkie and Zanley to proceed. The undersigned recommends that Council authorize Wilkie and Zanley to proceed with the Design Development and Construction Document Phase at an estimated cost of \$123,098 plus reimbursables. The Department of Engineering and Building and the Recreation Department will coordinate the work.

Very truly yours,

Mark A Kowalewski,
Drysdale
City Engineer
Director of Financial &

James Knopp
Superintendent of Recreation

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August 1, 2005

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana and City Council
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members:

Enclosed please find the Contract between the City of Wyandotte and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for Phase IV of the Streetscape Project for sidewalk, pedestrian lighting, and tree planting work at the following locations:

Maple Street from 2nd Street to 3rd Street, along Biddle Avenue from Pine Street to Forest Street, along west sided of 2nd Street from Oak Street to Maple Street, along east side of 3rd Street from Eureka Street to Maple Street, along south side of Oak Street from 1st Street to 2nd Street, and along north side of Oak Street from Biddle Avenue to 1st Street;

The attached Resolution will authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said Contract.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer