

CITY OF WYANDOTTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Session of the Wyandotte City Council was held in Council Chambers, on Monday, October 30, 2017, and was called to order at 7:00pm with Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call.

Present: Councilpersons Christopher Calvin, Robert DeSana, Megan Maiani, Leonard Sabuda, and Donald Schultz

Absent: Councilperson Robert Alderman

Also Present: Todd Browning, City Treasurer; Theodore Galeski, City Assessor; William Look, City Attorney; Mark Kowalewski, City Engineer; and Lawrence Stec, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

None

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Show Cause Hearing, 1768 4th St.
 - Letter of support from neighbors and concerned citizens

2017-470 SHOW CAUSE HEARING – 1768 4TH STREET DEMOLITION

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that a hearing was held on 30th day of October, 2017, where all parties were given an opportunity to show cause, if any they had, why the dwelling at 1768 4th Street, Wyandotte should not be demolished, removed or otherwise made safe, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council considered all reports, communications and recommendations dated June 28, 2017 and September 6, 2017, received by the City Council from the City Engineering's Office and the Hearing Officer and all other facts and considerations were brought to their attention at said hearing held at Council meetings; AND

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby directs that said dwelling located at 1768 4th Street, Wyandotte should be DEMOLISHED and that the cost be assessed against the property in question as a lien. Be it further resolved that the parties of interest shall be forwarded a copy of this resolution forthwith so that they may appeal this decision to the Circuit Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this resolution if they so desire.

Motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2017-471 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that the following items on the consent agenda be approved:

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2017
2. Special Events:
 - a. Special Event Application – Blitzen the Dotte
 - b. 2018 Skip Clack Fishing Derby Event Approval
 - c. 2018 Independence Day Parade Event Approval
 - d. 2018 Wyandotte Street Art Fair Event Approval
 - e. 2018 Flicks on Bricks Event Approval
 - f. 2018 Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting Event Approval

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-472 MINUTES

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held under the date of October 23, 2017, be approved as recorded, without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-473 BLITZEN THE DOTTE 2017

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication, including event maps, from the Special Event Coordinator regarding the Blitzen the Dotte race to be held prior to the Christmas Parade on November 18th, 2017, is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby grants permission to the Wyandotte Boat Club to utilize the sidewalks and streets for said event provided that the group add the City of Wyandotte as additional insured to their insurance policy and sign a hold harmless agreement as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-474 2018 SKIP CLACK FISHING DERBY

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the use of the Bishop Park fishing pier for the Annual Skip Clack Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 2, 2018, from 10am-12:30pm; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service shall close the fishing pier to the general public from 9am-1pm on June 2, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds in the amount of \$1,375.00 shall be paid from the Fishing Derby Expense Account (285-225-925-730).

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-475 2018 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the request of the Special Event Coordinator to close Biddle Avenue from Ford Ave. to Plum St. from 8:00AM-12:00PM for the City of Wyandotte Independence Day Parade scheduled for Wednesday, July 4th, 2018; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is hereby directed to apply to the Wayne County Office of Public Service for a road closure permit and is designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit document on behalf of the City of Wyandotte; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Chief is also hereby notified for the purposes of re-routing emergency vehicles on the day of the event; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service is directed to place barriers and take appropriate action to comply with the above request.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-476 2018 WYANDOTTE STREET ART FAIR

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the following road closures and city property usage for the 2018 Wyandotte Street Art Fair, July 11-14, 2018:

1. Permission to allow the city sidewalks listed below to be used during the Art Fair only:

- Biddle Avenue, Eureka to Chestnut Street
- Oak Street, Van Alstyne to Third Street
- Elm Street, Van Alstyne to Third Street
- Maple Street, Van Alstyne to Third Street
- Sycamore Street, Van Alstyne to Third Street
- Eureka Road, Van Alstyne to Third Street
- First Street, Oak to Maple

Further, this permission should extend only to those merchants who have been issued a permit. They are not authorized to sub-contract their space. This policy will be enforced by the Wyandotte Police Department under Ordinance 32-1.

2. Permission for the use of First Street from Oak to Maple Street for the display and sale of handmade craft items as authorized by the Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee/Staff and the utilization the Parking Lot # 10 on First Street for their crafter parking.

3. Permission for a non-profit group/organization to have paid parking in parking lot #11 from July 11 through July 14 with funds from this lot to return to the non-profit group/organization with a small percentage to be donated to the Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

4. The Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee requests that outdoor sale and drinking of all alcoholic beverages be contracted of licensed vendors that have been authorized by the Art Fair Committee. This policy will be enforced by the Wyandotte Police Department under Ordinance 25-9. It is to be prohibited for any person to bring in their own alcoholic beverages at the Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

5. Permission for the Wyandotte Goodfellows and Old Time Ballplayers to utilize the Chase Bank Building Parking Lot, area closest to Third Street, for art fair patrons as a fundraiser for their respective organizations.

6. Permission to utilize the waterfront parking lot #1, grassy area, and adjacent alley between Elm and Oak, for entertainment and refreshment area.

7. Permission for Biddle Avenue, from Eureka to Plum Street, to be utilized as a designated parking area, under the control of the Wyandotte Boat Club, subject to approval and coordination of the Department of Legal Affairs, Engineering Dept. and Police Department.

8. Permission to use 20 spaces in the city lot across from the DCA for artist parking from July 11 through July 14, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is requested to apply to the Wayne County Office of Public Service for a road closure permit for Biddle Avenue to close from Sunday, July 8, 2018, at 12:01AM through Monday, July 16, 2018, at 8:00AM from Oak to Eureka, and that he be designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit document on behalf of the City of Wyandotte.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Department be notified of this event to reroute emergency vehicles.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-477 2018 FLICKS ON BRICKS

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the request of the Special Event Coordinator for the closing of Elm Street to Biddle Avenue to First Street, Elm Street from First Street to the Alley between First and Second Street, and the parallel parking spaces on the west side of First Street between Oak and Elm Street on July 27th and August 24th, 2018 in conjunction with the 2018 Flicks on Bricks Events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire and Police Departments are notified of the closures stated above for the purpose of re-routing emergency vehicles.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-478 2018 CHRISTMAS PARADE/TREE LIGHTING

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the request of the Special Event Coordinator and grants permission for the use of the grassy area near City Hall for the Tree Lighting festivities/ceremony and also approves of the closure of the following streets in conjunction with the 2018 Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting:

Sycamore St. from Biddle Ave. to Coastal Thai November 16th, 2018 AM Time TBD – 9pm

Biddle Avenue from Ford Ave. to Plum St. November 17th, 2018 8:00AM-12:00PM

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is hereby directed to apply to the Wayne County Office of Public Service for a road closure permit in conjunction for the closing of Biddle Avenue on November 17th, 2018, and is designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit document on behalf of the City of Wyandotte; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Chief is also hereby notified for the purposes of re-routing emergency vehicles on November 17th, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service is directed to place barriers and take appropriate action to assist with the above requests.

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2017-479 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT BENEFIT ALLOWANCE (13TH CHECK)

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from William Harkleroad regarding the Special Supplemental Retirement Benefit Allowance (13th Check) be received and placed on file.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-480 WPD HIRING OF POLICE OFFICER – K. GOUTH

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council Concurs with the determination that vacancies exist for the position of Police Officer and the Council authorizes the filling of such vacancies; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subsequent to a written examination, physical agility test, and interview panel conducted by the Police Department, candidate Kyle Gouth is being offered employment as probationary Police Officer contingent upon his successful completion of a physical, drug screen, psychological examination, and the successful completion of the police academy.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-481 DPS HIRING OF ASST. SUPERINTENDENT – B. MARTIN

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the City Engineer regarding the hiring of an Assistant Superintendent at the Department of Public Service; AND

FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Council approves the hiring of Brian J. Martin as the Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Service at Class Code 36D, contingent on the successful completion of a physical and drug screen examination.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-482 DOWNRIVER COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS RENT FORGIVENESS

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council approves the request of the DCA Executive Director for rental forgiveness at 81 Chestnut St. for the first six months of 2018, starting January 1st.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-483 2018 BLOUNT SMALL SHIP ADVENTURES DOCKING CONTRACT

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

WHEREAS, upon Council approval, Blount Small Ship Adventures will dock on June 19, July 1, August 10, and September 9, 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Recreation and hereby approves the 2018 Bishop Park Docking Agreement with Blount Small Ship Adventures at a rate of \$200 per docking plus \$25 per docking for garbage removal with funds to be deposited into Account #101-000-651-095; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the docking contract.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-484 WAYNE COUNTY PARKS GRANT AGREEMENT – BISHOP PARK

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Recreation and hereby approves the agreement between the City of Wyandotte and Wayne County for a grant in the amount of \$12,000 to assist with the Bishop Park bathroom renovations; AND

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

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-485 2018 YACK ARENA RENTAL CONTRACTS - VARIOUS

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Recreation and hereby approves the Benjamin F. Yack Arena rental contracts for the following events and dates:

King of the Cage MMA	April 7, 2018
Lions Club Flea Market	April 13-15, 2018
North American Model Engineering Expo	April 21-22, 2018
Walk for MS	May 5, 2018
Spring Fling Festival	May 11-12, 2018
Woodhaven High School Graduation	June 5, 2018
Southgate Anderson High School Graduation	June 7, 2018
Roosevelt High School Graduations	June 14, 2018
Circus Pages	June 16, 2018
King of the Cage MMA	July 21, 2018

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contracts are approved in the amount of \$1,300.00 per day including any extra associated rental costs, payable in full upon completion of the event as stipulated in the contracts; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said rental agreements.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-486 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT – CAREY ANN'S CLOWN CARAVAN

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the Special Event Coordinator to approve the contract for Carey Ann's Clown Caravan for the 2017 Christmas Tree Lighting event, with services to be provided for free in exchange for a waiver of booth rental fees at the 2018 Wyandotte Street Art Fair, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby directed to execute said contract on behalf of the City of Wyandotte.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-487 REZONING OF 130 SPRUCE

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from the Planning Commission regarding the rezoning of the property known as 130 Spruce, Wyandotte is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and hereby approves the rezoning of property known as 130 Spruce, Wyandotte, Michigan (Lots 10 and 11, City of Wyandotte, Block 61 as recorded in Liber 2, Page 36 of Plat WCR) be rezoned from Multiple Family Residential District (RM-1) to Plan Development District (PD); AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this request be referred to the Department of Legal Affairs to prepare the proper Ordinance.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-488 PURCHASE AGREEMENT – 1874 MCKINLEY

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the City owned property located at former 1874 McKinley is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the recommendation to sell the property known as former 1874 McKinley now known as 1876 McKinley to April McDowell in the amount of \$10,000.00; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Purchaser, April McDowell does not undertake development within six (6) months from time of closing and complete construction within one (1) year will result in Seller's right to repurchase property including any improvements for One (\$1.00) Dollars. A condition will be placed on the Deed that will include this contingency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Offer to Purchase Real Estate for the property known as former 1876 McKinley now known as 1874 McKinley, between April McDowell and the City of Wyandotte for \$10,000 as presented to Council on October 30, 2017.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-489 PURCHASE AGREEMENT – 496 RIVERBANK

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the City owned property located at former 496 Riverbank is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the recommendation to sell the property known as former 496 Riverbank now known as 498 Riverbank to Robert and Michelle Mockeridge in the amount of \$10,000.00; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Purchasers, Robert and Michelle Mockeridge do not undertake development within six (6) months from time of closing and complete construction within one (1) year will result in Seller's right to repurchase property including any improvements for One (\$1.00) Dollars. A condition will be placed on the Deed that will include this contingency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Offer to Purchase Real Estate for the property known as former 496 Riverbank now known as 498 Riverbank, between Robert and Michelle Mockeridge and the City of Wyandotte for \$10,000 as presented to Council on October 30, 2017.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-490 NEZ APPLICATION – 1876 MCKINLEY

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

WHEREAS per a resolution adopted by the Wyandotte City Council on December 7, 1992, it is the policy of the City of Wyandotte to offer 12-year tax abatements for new single family construction in Neighborhood Enterprise Zones within the City of Wyandotte; and

WHEREAS the Former 1874 McKinley is within the City of Wyandotte's Neighborhood Enterprise Zone adopted on December 7, 1992;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of City Engineer as set forth in his communication of October 30, 2017, that the City of Wyandotte will approve a 12-year Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Exemption Certificate for the proposed redevelopment at former 1874 McKinley now known as 1876 McKinley, subject to the proper application materials being submitted to the City and the project's compliance with the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, Act 147 of 1992, as amended; AND

WHEREAS the City Clerk and the City Assessor are hereby authorized to execute said applications for a 12-year Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Certificate.

Motion unanimously carried.

2017-491 CITY HALL SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT EXTENSION

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees with the recommendation of the City Engineer and approves the contract extension for U.S. Lawns of Southgate, Michigan, to provide snow removal and salting services at Wyandotte City Hall in the amount of \$12,100.00 to be paid from account #503-444-825-420.

Motion unanimously carried.

BILLS & ACCOUNTS**2017-492 BILLS & ACCOUNTS**

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$49,907.15 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

Motion unanimously carried.

REPORTS & MINUTES

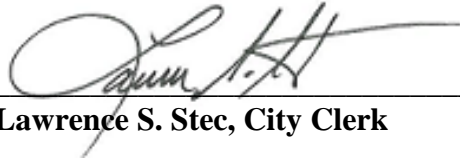
Fire Commission	September 26, 2017
Planning Commission	September 21, 2017
Police Commission	September 26 & October 24, 2017
Recreation Commission	October 10, 2017
Retirement Commission	September 21, 2017

REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

ADJOURNMENT**2017-493 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Maiani, supported by Councilperson DeSana
RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 8:51 p.m.
Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk