

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

Regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, the Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

Absent: Councilperson DeSana

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

5-28-09

Mayor & City Council,

This letter is in regards to 2287 10th St. the residence of Mr & Mrs Mark Behm. We have resided here for 16 years. When we purchased our home we had all new concrete put in, including a double wide driveway, approach and sidewalks. For years we have been battling with the city over a broken sewer in front of our home. The sewer has never worked. For years, everytime it rained the street would fill with water all the way up to our front porch. We called the City constantly complaining of the problem. They would send out the vector truck to suck up the water and when they drove off the street would fill right back up (enclosed photos). This went on for years. In the winter it was a solid sheet of ice, spring a lake. Mind you in the mean time all our new concrete was submerged in water causing the shifting in the concrete. This water caused sewer destruction, our basement flooded and we had to have the walls waterproof at a very costly expense. After time went by the road began to crumble. They would come out and fill it with black top which would only last a short time until the next rain. In several occasions we would have to call the police because of fear of it causing a serious accident. The street was a mess! Finally this past summer we were put in contact with Gary from the Municipal Service. When he came out we explained about the years of dealing with the problem. They finally fixed the sewer and informed us the road would be repaired this summer. Now we come to the new issue. Recently they came through our neighborhood and marked uneven and broken sidewalks. We are told we have 30 days to obtain a permit and have these corrected or the city will do it for us and we will be billed. We have already paid once to do this if this problem would have been taken care of right away I highly doubt that there would be anything wrong with our concrete. It was all brand new. This is not a money issue on our part this is about principal and integrity. This is absolutely unacceptable and unfair. Enclosed are photos and we have many more from throughout the years. If this mess were out in front of your homes and you had to tolerate the years of mess, would you consider this your responsibility. Where is the compensation for us having to live with this for years. The hours spent on the phone trying to get someone to fix this mess. We have made this our home we have no intentions of leaving. Is this why we pay taxes? With all due respect we hope you can understand where we stand.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Behm
2287 – 10th

P.S. Our question is why was this situation overlooked for so long?

This letter comes after Greg Meyring and Gary from Municipal came to our home to inspect the situation. Greg claims in his opinion the water did not cause the shift in concrete. We beg to differ. Again this is not about money this is principal. We would like to invite the Mayor and Council to our home to get others opinions. I don't think it should be based on one man's opinion. His decision should not take precedence over ours. Again view the photos, come to our home and tell us what you think. I doubt we would fight over two square of concrete. Is it worth the fight?

Please contact us ASAP
734-282-3688
Mr. & Mrs. Behm

May 27, 2009

Office of the City Clerk, City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Roosevelt High School is requesting permission to use the city's Indian head plaque for fundraising purposes to benefit the school's Art Department and the Archive Project fund.

We wish to use the original plaque to make a mold(s) and to reproduce the image in plaster, ceramic clay, cold bronze, or other medium. Because of the nostalgic value attached to the Indian logo, and the high school band's recent endorsement from the Wyandotte Indian Nation we believe there will be a demand for the product. We plan to sell it at school-sponsored activities, and possibly during the Wyandotte Art Fair and other local events.

Our art teacher, Tanya Au assures you that she will need the original only for a week or so to make the molds, and it will not be damaged in the process. Of course, we will give credit to the City of Wyandotte in all sales literature, if you approve of this project.

Sincerely,

Tanya Au, Art Department, Roosevelt High School
Alana Paluszewski, Historian, Wyandotte Public Schools

May 19, 2009

Dear Mayor and Elected Officials,

At the request of the membership of Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 74 (PLAV), the art students of Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, contributed their vision, hard work and artistic talents to complete a mural memorializing those who have sacrificed for our country through military service. After several weeks of hard work and dedication, their vision has been beautifully transformed into an enduring representation of military service that has captured the hearts of our membership.

It is with great pride that we request your participation in a formal unveiling of this treasured accomplishment. The ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at:

P.L.A.V. #74
963 Oak St
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Please plan to join us in recognizing this remarkable achievement and supporting the young artistic students who have contributed so much to support our military service veterans. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact:

Connie MacDonald 734-283-5525

Sincerely,

Terry Gacioch, Commander, PLAV #74

May 27, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Joseph Peterson and City Council
3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte MI 48192

Dear Mayor Peterson and Councilmembers:

Please accept this as my letter of resignation from the Cultural and Historical Commission, effective May 12, 2009.

I am appreciative of the opportunity to have served the community as a member of the Commission and wish this group of hard-working volunteers much success in their future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

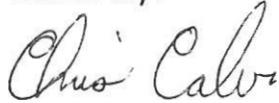
Daniel E. Galeski, Councilman, City of Wyandotte

Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Mayor & council,

Do to my election to the school board I would like to at this time resign from the Zoning Board. I feel that I should move on & let others have the same opportunity to serve the public as I have in this capacity. I thank you for allowing me that opportunity; I look forward to my duties on the school board & serving the public in another way.

Sincerely!



Chris Calvin

May 22, 2009

Mayor Joseph Peterson
City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor Peterson;

Please accept this letter as my resignation from the City of Wyandotte Planning Commission, effective immediately. The reason for my resignation is because I have accepted a position with my employer out-of-state.

I would like to thank you and former Mayor James DeSana for allowing me to serve the citizens of Wyandotte on the Planning Commission. It was with great pride and pleasure that I was able to do so. I wish you, the new City Council, business owners and the residents of Wyandotte all the best.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve the great city of Wyandotte.

Sincerely,

Adam L. Kalmbach
1832 20th Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Jim Zang, 1757 Chestnut, was present and read the following into the record:

June 1, 2009

Mayor Peterson & Council Members,

I'd like to take a few minutes of your time to point out a condition that has troubled our district ever since the passing of Proposal A in 1994. That is the point where our cities school district funding was changed and taken from our control. The initial concept was well received by the public... there would be no more school millage increases to vote on, funding would be provided by the State, and smaller and more remote districts would be better funded.

It sounds good, one less thing to worry about, but after 15 years the problems are starting to show. The same year that we passed proposal A, the voters of our city turned down a local millage renewal. This action had a radical effect in setting our district base funding rate at the minimum level. What this means is that each year, our district receives less money per pupil than our neighboring cities (with the exception of Lincoln Park who receives the same). Less money to provide our children the fundamental skills they will need to flourish and compete in the future, whether they should choose college or directly entering the work force.

Our District as a whole has garnered an exceptional reputation for overcoming this financial shortcoming over the years. Dr. Cole and her administration manage to make lemonade from the lemons they have been given. With rising costs and diminishing income, they have shown constant improvement in the process of educating our children. Their efforts in surviving and overcoming this economic disadvantage have been nothing less than stellar.

Now our district is faced with the necessity of having to close a school, lay-off teachers, and tomorrow evening, will be considering pay-to-play as a requirement to participate in extra-curricular activities. These are issues that directly and immediately affect our community and the intrinsic value that it possesses because of our excellent schools. Yet, our hands are tied, we can't even try to better our own lot in life as a community because proposal A prevents us (but not more affluent districts) from imposing another millage, even if we as a community would approve.

I've provided a chart that shows the disparity between what our districts children receive per pupil, and what the districts surrounding us receive. As you can see, if we were funded at the same rate as Southgate we would receive a little over nine hundred thousand dollars more per year. Several other districts such as Grosse Ile, River Rouge, Trenton, and Dearborn are funded much higher- if our funding were equal to these cities, our district budget would be working with more than seven million more dollars per year and this dialog would not be taking place.

What may inflame this situation even more is that each of these cities pays less in property taxes than the residents of the City of Wyandotte. The second chart shows a few comparable property tax bases for a typical two hundred thousand dollar home with a state assessed value of one hundred thousand dollars. If that typical home happens to be on Grosse Ile you would pay \$661.80 less than if it were in Wyandotte. In short, we as a community are paying more and getting less.

As the state faces its many trials and tribulations in balancing the budget, the funding for our schools on a state level is being considered for additional reduction. I would encourage each of you to use your considerable combined political influence to sway our State Legislature to ensure that if cuts must be made to school funding, that the cuts come from those districts that are funded at the highest of levels until such a point is reached that all of the districts in the state are equal.

A student in Wyandotte is worth just as much as a student in any other district in our state.

Even though there has been considerable effort to remedy the disparity in funding for our district by our specific State Representatives; our state legislature as a whole has chosen to ignore, avoid, or defeat any progress regarding this issue for many years. And still, we have managed to get by through carefully cutting programs and opportunities available to our children.

It is time to stop just getting by.

There is an old saying that a rising tide will lift all boats. Consider this variation on that saying; as that same tide ebbs, will our school district find itself floundering in the mud, forced to devalue itself by jettisoning valuable programs and opportunities just to stay afloat?

Our students deserve equality in funding their education, and our legislature needs to make this a priority. It is up to us as a community to try to obtain the best possible funding for our children. As leaders and representatives of this community, I hope that you will make this issue a priority.

A student in Wyandotte is worth just as much as a student in any other district in our state.

Victor Mulero, 1429 12th, regarding backyard fire places; Ordinances?

Richard Miller, 1202 – 12th, regarding funding for schools on an equal basis.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

May 28, 2009

The Honorable City Council City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte MI 48192

Gentlemen and Madam:

I am writing to request your concurrence in the following appointments:

Beautification Commission – Term to expire 4-2012
Joanne Cuva, 514 Oak #3, Wyandotte
Roseann Gabrys, 346 Orange, Wyandotte
Bill Summerell, 3105 – 21St Street, Wyandotte

Building Code Board of Appeals – Term to expire 4-2011
Greg Meyring, 21327 Knudsen, Grosse Ile

Municipal Service Commission – Term to expire 4-2014
James Figurski, 2451 – 12th Street, Wyandotte

Planning and Rehabilitation Commission – Term to expire 4-2012
Norman Eberts, 107 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte
Raymond D. Parker, 1203 Superior Blvd., Wyandotte
Lawrence Tavernier, 125 Vinewood, Wyandotte

Police and Fire Commission – Term to expire 4-2012
Douglas Melzer, 3032 Van Alstyne, Wyandotte

Recreation Commission – Term to expire 4-2014
Lori Shiels, 1850 – 12th Street, Wyandotte

Zoning Board of Appeals and Adjustment
Barbara Duran, 3326 – 12th Street, Wyandotte (Term to expire 5-2012)
Keith Trupiano, 619 Emmons Blvd., Wyandotte (Term to expire 5-2012)
Daniel K. Cusson, 1252 Superior Blvd., Wyandotte (Term to expire 5-2012)
Robert K. Alderman, 2784 – 20th Street, Wyandotte (Term to expire 5-2010)

Wyandotte Building Authority – Term to expire 6-2014
Mark Kowalewski, 1540 Davis, Wyandotte

Cultural and Historical Commission
Stanley Rutkowski, 2508 – 19th Street, Wyandotte (Term to expire 12-2012)
Thomas Woodruff, 433 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte (Term to expire 12-2010)

Thanking you in advance for your support, I remain

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Peterson, Mayor

May 28, 2009

The Honorable City Council City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte MI 48192

Gentlemen and Madam:

As you are aware, one of the most important initiatives I campaigned for was developing a strategic plan for the City.

Based on the many important issues the City will be facing in the near future, I think it is important to determine where the City currently stands as an organization, define where we want to be in the future, and develop a plan of strategies in order to get to that destination. The results of the strategic planning process I am recommending will allow us to do this.

The Director of Financial and Administrative Services and I have met with Dr. Seth Hirshorn to discuss this process. I have instructed Todd Drysdale to place Dr. Hirshorn's proposal on the agenda for approval. Dr. Hirshorn will also be in attendance for a brief presentation on this project.

It should be noted that amounts are available in our current budget to fund this initiative. Considering our total operating budget is \$21 million, the expenditure of \$6,700 is nominal to achieve a process and plan that will guide us in making better decisions into the future.

I look forward to your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Peterson, Mayor

May 26, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members,

Attached you will find a Memorandum of Understanding from Seth Hirshorn, Ph.D., relative to the preparation of a Strategic Plan for the City of Wyandotte. Also attached is Dr. Hirshorn's resume and biography.

The undersigned recommends acceptance of this Memorandum of Understanding with a not-to exceed amount of \$6,700.

Sincerely,
Todd A. Drysdale
Director of Financial & Administrative Services

May 27, 2009

Mayor Joseph R. Peterson 3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor and Council:

An application was received from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission relative to the request from G.D. Celia, Inc. requesting a new outdoor service (1) Area, in conjunction with 2008 Class C SDM Licensed Business, with Entertainment Permit and Living-Quarters Permit, located at 2356 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192, Wayne County.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

William R. Griggs, City Clerk

May 19th, 2009

Mayor Joseph R. Peterson City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council,

On behalf of the City of Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority, I would like to present a resolution of support for a Downtown Wyandotte Transient Marina. This resolution was read and executed at the regularly scheduled Downtown Development Authority meeting held May 18th, 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me at 734 324 4506 or bwescottgwyandotte.org.

Sincerely,
Brandon E. Wescott, Director
City of Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority

Honorable Mayor Peterson and City Council
City of Wyandotte

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

The 48th Annual Wyandotte Street Art Fair will be held on July 8-11, 2009. This letter is sent to request that the Public Works Department be notified to close Biddle Avenue, from Oak to Eureka, for the 2009 Wyandotte Street Art Fair from Sunday, July 5, starting at 12:01 AM through Monday, July 13, 8 AM. North and southbound traffic will be rerouted on Third Street with detours at Oak Street and Eureka, all truck traffic to be rerouted to M-85 (Ford Street) via Eureka or Ford (Northline).

The Chief of Police is requested to apply to the Wayne County Office of Public Service for a road closing permit; he should be designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit document on behalf of the City of Wyandotte. Responsibility for all damage claims which may arise from the road closing must be assumed by the City of Wyandotte. The Fire Department should also be notified of this event to reroute emergency vehicles.

Also, the Wyandotte Street Art Fair would like to request the following:

1. Permission to allow the city sidewalks listed below to be used during the Art Fair only, July 8-11, and by those merchants who are issued permits from the Art Fair Committee:

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. Enforcement of this policy should be authorized by the Wyandotte Police Department under Ordinance 32-1.

2. Permission to the Wyandotte Business Association for the use of First Street from Elm to Maple Street for the display and sale of handmade craft items as authorized for the WBA and Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee/Staff and that the Wyandotte Business Association utilize the Parking Lot # 10 on First Street for their crafter parking and that they be allowed to also have paid parking in parking lot # 11 from July 6 through July 13 funds from this lot are to return to the Wyandotte Business Association as approved by the Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee.

3. The Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee request that outdoor sale and drinking of all alcoholic beverages be done by licensed vendors which have been authorized by the Art Fair Committee. Enforcement of this policy should be authorized 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.
4. Permission to utilize the Chase Bank Building Parking Lot, area closest to Third Street, July 7 through July 13, as a parking lot for with a charge for the benefit of the Wyandotte Goodfellows and Old Time Ballplayers.
5. Permission to utilize the waterfront parking lot #1, grassy area, and adjacent between Elm and Oak, for entertainment and refreshment area.
6. Permission to utilize 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.
7. Permission to utilize the open area between Sandy's Shoppe and Frank's Pizzeria, July 6 through July 13, as an additional location for the emerging artist's area for the Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

Sincerely,
Fred Pischke
Superintendent
Department of Recreation, Leisure and Culture

May 28, 2009

Honorable Mayor Peterson
And City Council Members
And City of Wyandotte

Dear Mayor and City Council Members —

The Recreation, Leisure and Culture Department would like to submit the revised Trolley and Showmobile Rental contracts for your consideration.
We thank you for your consideration of these two contracts.

Fred Pischke
Superintendent
Department of Recreation, Leisure and Culture

May 28, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members,

Attached for your review and approval are necessary 2009 Fiscal Year budget amendments required to meet General Fund and Special Revenue Fund obligations. The attached budget amendments also keep the City in compliance with Public Act 621 of 1978.

The undersigned recommends that the City Council approve the budget amendments as outlined on Attachment A of this communication. If you should have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Szczechowski
Deputy Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director

May 27, 2009
The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson And City Council
City Hall

Re: Establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for 81 Chestnut - the Wyandotte Arts Center

Dear Mayor and Council:

The undersigned recommends that the City Council initiate action to establish a single property Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District at 81 Chestnut, under the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA), Public Act 146 of 2000, as amended.

The Act allows for a reduction in property taxes to encourage rehabilitating obsolete commercial property. Establishing the District is the first step in the process. The next step involves filing an application for an exemption certificate that must be approved by both the Council and the State Tax Commission. The application will include detailed information on the nature and extent of the rehabilitation. Information detailing the property's obsolescence will be submitted by the City Assessor at the time of the public hearing.

If the District is created and a certificate is eventually approved, a tax known as the Obsolete Properties Tax would be levied upon the building for 1-12 years, with the actual duration to be determined by the Council. The exemption would not apply to the taxable value of the land or any new personal property. The City has previously approved 10 OPRA Districts in various locations (see enclosure).

If you wish to schedule a public hearing to consider establishing a District, the following resolution authorizes the necessary actions.

Very truly yours,
Todd A. Drysdale
Director of Finance and Administration

Thursday, May 28, 2009

Mayor & City Council City of Wyandotte
3131 Biddle Avenue Wyandotte, MI. 48192
Dear Mayor and City Council Members —

As you are aware, the Recreation, Leisure and Culture department is organizing the 2009 Flicks on Bricks special event series; an outdoor movie night taking place on the grounds of the old Wyandotte Theatre at Elm and First Streets in Downtown Wyandotte. Featuring a variety of family friendly films, citizens will have the opportunity to bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy an evening of quality cinema under the stars.

With this event concept, we have the occasion to expand our special program offerings that enhance activity in the Downtown area. Flicks on Bricks will provide additional opportunities for sponsorship, increased foot traffic, and entertainment value for the whole family.

Flicks on Bricks will run the following dates:
Friday, June 12th (featuring the film Shrek and sponsored by Wayne County)
Friday, July 24th
Friday, August 14th

This letter is sent to request that the Public Works Department be notified to close First Street, from Oak to Maple, and Elm Street, from Biddle Ave. to the alley between First and Second Streets. Times for closures are as follows for each of the above bulleted Friday dates:

Friday, June 12th 8 AM to Saturday, June 13th 8 AM.
Friday, July 24th 8 AM to Saturday, July 25th 8 AM.
Friday, August 14th 8 AM to Saturday, August 15th 8 AM.

Parking notices should be posted on the Elm and First Streets on the Wednesday immediately before each of the above dates.

Responsibility for all damage claims which may arise from the road closing must be assumed by the City of Wyandotte. The Fire Department and Police Departments should also be notified of this event to reroute emergency vehicles.

We feel that this event will not only benefit the citizens of Wyandotte but all of Downriver.

We appreciate your consideration and support of special event programming in the City of Wyandotte.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much,

Jody Chansuolme

May 28, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson and City Council
City Hall
Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

At the May 18, 2009, City Council Meeting you referred the complaints of James Bunning of 464 Cedar, regarding properties on Cedar to the undersigned and the following applies. The City purchased 436 Cedar on January 26, 2009 and 452 Cedar on September 10, 2008. All utilities have been cut and cap and the properties are ready for demolition. The Engineering and Building Department has applied for and received funding from the Downriver Community Conference (DCC), Downriver Area Brownfield Consortium (DABC) for testing and removal of any asbestos in these homes. The DCC has informed us that we were approved and we should be able to start the testing by the end of June. After this testing has been performed, the properties will be demolished.

The Engineering Department and the Department of Public Service will continue to monitor these properties to insure the grass is cut and the property remains secured.

As far as property at 472 Cedar the Engineering Department did make an offer to purchase the property, but the offer was not accepted. This property will require an Upon Sale Inspection and the Engineering Department will monitor this property for compliance with the City Ordinances.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

May 28, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson and City Council
City Hall
Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

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

2040 Biddle \$315,000.00 TIFA Area Funds — Eight (8) Unit Apartment Bldg

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. further recommend that the undersigned be authorized to demolish same.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

May 27, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson And City Council
City Hall
Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

At the May 19, 2009, City Council Meeting, Council referred to the undersigned a communication from Robert D. Jones regarding construction of a concrete slab in the alley easement at 2515 15'1" Street, Wyandotte. To accomplish this, the attached Grant of License and Hold Harmless Agreement would need to be executed between the City of Wyandotte and Robert Jones the property owner. This Grant of License and Hold Harmless Agreement have been reviewed by the Department of Legal Affairs and approved.

The proposed Resolution authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk sign said Agreement. Further, Mr. Jones should be required to pay the recording fee of \$24.00 and that the Department of Legal Affairs record same.

Very truly yours,


Mark A. Kowalewski City Engineer

LATE ITEM

May 28, 2009

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

Dear Mayor and City Council Members;

We are writing to request that you please allow us to put a sidewalk café in front of our restaurant, Michelangelo's Italian Bistro at 152 Elm Street.

The sidewalk café will be enclosed by a short (4 foot high) iron-like fence. We plan to have café tables for food and spirits with limited hours during favorable weather conditions.

The dimensions of the proposed seating area are approximately 7' x 39'. This approach allows for a six (6) foot wide walking path between our building and the café area. Our outdoor café space will be similar to the Belicoso sidewalk café at 3030 Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte. We would like to have this café open on an annual basis, during our normal business hours.

We are aware of your requirements and will do our best to achieve them.

Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Bondi, Owner and Chief
Robin Bondi, Owner and Manager

REPORTS AND MINUTES:

Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts	May 19, 2009	\$4,302.13
Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts	May 27, 2009	\$2,945.07
Municipal Service Commission	April, 2009	
Recreation Commission	May 12, 2009	
Retirement Commission Meeting	May 20, 2009	
Zoning Board of Appeals & Adjustment	May 20, 2009	

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

RECESSRECONVENINGROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

Absent: Councilperson DeSana

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and the same stand APPROVED as recorded without objection.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Mr. and Mrs. Behm, 2287-10th Street relative to water damage to their property is hereby referred to the City Engineer and Superintendent of Public Service for a review and report to Council in one week.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the request from the Roosevelt High School Art Department to utilize the City's Indian Head plaque for fundraising purposes is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the communication be forwarded to the Mayor's office and Department of Legal Affairs in order to verify any trademarks and/or legal issues in order for fundraising utilization or duplication of our City's Indian Head plaque.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Terry Gacioch, Commander, PLAV, #74 regarding the dedication of a mural created by the Roosevelt Art Students on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. is hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby accepts the resignation of Daniel E. Galeski from the Cultural and Historical Commission effective May 12, 2009. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council thanks Mr. Galeski for his many years of service.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby accepts the resignation of Chris Calvin from the Zoning Board of Appeals & Adjustments effective May 27, 2009. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council thanks Mr. Calvin for his many years of service.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby accepts the resignation of Adam L. Kalmbach from the Planning Commission effective May 22, 2009. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council thanks Mr. Kalmbach for his service and wishes he and his family good luck in their future endeavor.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation of Mayor Peterson as set forth in his communication dated May 28, 2009 for the following appointments:

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION-TERM TO EXPIRE 4-2012
Joanne Cuva, 514 Oak #3, Wyandotte; Roseann Gabrys, 346 Orange, Wyandotte
and Bill Summerell, 3105-21 St. , Wyandotte

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS-TERM TO EXPIRE 4-2011
Greg Meyring, 21327 Knudsen, Grosse Ile

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMISSION-TERM TO EXPIRE 4-2014
James Figurski, 2451-12th St., Wyandotte

PLANNING COMMISSION-TERM TO EXPIRE 4-2012
Norman Eberts, 107 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte
Raymond D. Parker, 1203 Superior Blvd, Wyandotte
Lawrence Tavernier, 125 Vinewood, Wyandotte

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION-TERM TO EXPIRE 4-2012
Douglas Melzer, 3032 Van Alstyne, Wyandotte

RECREATION COMMISSION-TERM TO EXPIRE 4-2014
Lori Shiels, 1850-12th Street, Wyandotte

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ADJUSTMENTS
Barbara Duran, 3326-12th Street, Wyandotte (Term to expire 5-2012)
Keith Trupiano, 619 Emmons Blvd, Wyandotte (Term to expire 5-2012)
Daniel K. Cusson, 1252 Superior Blvd, Wyandotte (Term to expire 5-2012)
Robert K. Alderman, 2784-20th Street, Wyandotte (Term to expire 5-2010)

WYANDOTTE BUILDING AUTHORITY-TERM TO EXPIRE 6-2014
Mark Kowalewski, 1540, Davis, Wyandotte

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Stanley Rutkowski, 2508-19th Street, Wyandotte (Term to expire 12-2012)
Thomas Woodruff, 433 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte (Term to expire 12-2010)

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS with the recommendation of Mayor Peterson and the Director of Financial and Administrative Services to accept the Memorandum of Understanding from Seth Hirshorn, Ph. D. for facilitation services relative to the preparation of a Strategic Plan and further, the proposal is accepted with a not-to exceed amount of \$6,700 to be expensed to the General Fund (101-200-825-390).

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation of the City Clerk as set forth in his communication dated May 27, 2009 to APPROVE a new outdoor service (1) Area in conjunction with 2008 Class C SDM Licensed Business, with Entertainment Permit and Living-Quarters Permit located at 2356 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192, Wayne County.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby acknowledges the resolution as set forth by the City of Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority Director dated May 19, 2009 supporting a Downtown Wyandotte Transient Marina and hereby receives it and places it on file with copies forwarded to the Budget Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, TIFA Board, City Engineer and Director of Financial and Administrative Services.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

ROLL ATTACHED

RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REQUEST OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION, LEISURE AND CULTURE FOR THE 2009 WYANDOTTE STREET ART FAIR OF THE FOLLOWING:

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that

1. The Wayne County Department of Public Service be notified to close Biddle Avenue from Oak to Eureka, from Sunday, July 5, starting at 12:01 AM through Monday, July 13, 8 AM. North and southbound traffic to be rerouted on Third Street with detours at Oak and Eureka, all truck traffic be rerouted to M-85 (Fort Street) via Eureka or Ford (Northline).

2. Permission to the Wyandotte Business Association for the use of First Street from Elm to Maple Street for the display and sale of handmade craft items as authorized for the WBA and Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee/Staff and that the Wyandotte Business Association utilize the Parking Lot # 10 on First Street for their crafter parking and that they be allowed to also have paid parking in parking lot It 11 from July 6 though July 13 funds from this lot are to return to the Wyandotte Business Association as approved by the Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee.
3. The Chief of Police is directed to apply to the Wayne County Office of Public Service for a road closing permit and hereby designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit document on behalf of the City of Wyandotte. Responsibility for all damage claims which may arise from said road closing is assumed by the City of Wyandotte and further that the Fire Department be notified of said event to reroute emergency vehicles.
4. Permission is granted to allow the city sidewalks of Biddle Avenue- Eureka to Oak 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, and First Street-Oak to Maple Street, be used during the Art Fair, July 5-13, 2009, only by those merchants who are issued permits from the Art Fair committee. Further, this permission should extend only to those merchants who have been issued a permit and they are not authorized to subcontract their space. Enforcement of this policy should be authorized by the Wyandotte Police Department under Ordinance 32-1.
5. Permission is granted to utilize the waterfront parking lot #1, between Elm and Oak, for entertainment and refreshment area.
6. The outdoor sale and drinking of all alcoholic beverages be done by licensed vendors which have been authorized by the Wyandotte Art Street Art Fair Committee and it is prohibited for any person to bring in their own alcoholic beverage at said art fair. Enforcement of this policy should be authorized by the Wyandotte Police Department under Ordinance 25-9.
7. Permission to utilize the Chase Bank Building Parking Lot, area closest to Third Street, July 7 through July 13, as a parking lot for with a charge for the benefit of the Wyandotte Goodfellows and Old Time Ballplayers.
8. Permission is granted to use Biddle Avenue, from Pine to Plum Street, 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.
9. Permission to utilize the open area between Sandy's Shoppe and Frank's Pizzeria, July 6 through July 13, as an additional location for the emerging artist's area for the Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke
 Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec
 ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the revised Trolley and Showmobile Rental contracts as submitted by the Superintendent of Recreation, Leisure and Culture in his communication dated May 28, 2009, subject to approval of the Department of Legal Affairs.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendations of the Deputy Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director and APPROVES the necessary 2009 Fiscal Year Budget amendments as outlined in his communication dated May 28, 2009.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION INITIATING ACTION TO ESTABLISH AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY
REHABILITATION DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE AND THE SETTING OF
A PUBLIC HEARING**

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri M. Fricke

At a regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE

That the City Council authorizes the initiation of action to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the property at 81 Chestnut, Wyandotte, MI, 48192, said property more particularly described as:

Lot 3, Block 56, Plat of Part of Wyandotte Subdivision, as recoded in Liber 57, Pages 5, 6 and 7 of Deeds, Wayne County Records. Parcel Identification Number: 57-011-05-0003-000

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to send written notice by certified mail to the owners of all real property within the proposed Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District and shall afford an opportunity for a hearing on the establishment of the Obsolete Rehabilitation District. Any of the owners and any other resident or taxpayer of the City of Wyandotte may appear at the hearing and be heard. The City Clerk is further directed to publish a public notice of the hearing not less than 10 days or more than 30 days before the date of the hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, in the Council Chambers of the Wyandotte City Hall.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendations of the Director of Museums as set forth in her communication dated May 28, 2009 as it pertains to the 2009 Flicks on Bricks special event series on the following dates, Friday, June 12th, Friday, July 24th, and August 14th, 2009. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said communication be forwarded to the Department of Public Works and Police and Fire Chiefs for coordination of all requests as stated in said communication including necessary road closures and other necessary requirements.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer dated May 28, 2009, responding to the complaint by James Bunning of 464 Cedar regarding the properties on Cedar Street between 4th and 5th Street is hereby received and placed on file; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Engineering and Building and Department of Public Service are hereby directed to continue to monitor these properties for compliance with City Ordinances. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said resolution be forwarded to Mr. Bunning.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 2040 Biddle Avenue in the amount of \$315,000.00 to be appropriated from TIFA Area Funds; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents and the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney, William R. Look, are hereby authorized to sign said documents; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer is directed to DEMOLISH same 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.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the request from Robert Jones to encroach in the alley easement be hereby APPROVED provided that the Grant of License and Hold Harmless Agreement is executed by both parties; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City clerk are hereby authorized to sign said Grant of License and Hold Harmless Agreement; AND FURTHER that Mr. Jones is to pay the recording fee of \$24.00 and the Department of Legal Affairs is directed to record the Grant of License.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Michael and Robin Bondi, Owners of Michelangelo's Italian Bistro, 152 Elm requesting an outdoor café in front of their restaurant is hereby referred to the Planning Commission.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication of Jim Zang concerning the disparity in school funding shall be forwarded by the Mayor's Office to the City's State Representatives and the Governor's Office.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan June 1, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$1,201,342.05 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Sheri Fricke

Supported by Councilperson Lawrence Stec

That we adjourn

Carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

June 1, 2009

William R. Griggs, City Clerk