

Wyandotte, Michigan August 17, 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

August 11, 2009

Dear Mayor and City Council,

The Wyandotte Beautification Commission is planning to hold a perennial exchange on Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. We would like to use the southwest portion of the parking lot at Eureka and Third Streets for this event. Since we will need extra time to set up and clean up we are requesting that the lot be approved for our usage between 8:00 a.m. and noon on that date.

Thank you kindly,

Carol L. Resto, Chairperson, Wyandotte Beautification Commission

August 11, 2009

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

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council:

P.A.W.S. of Michigan is pleased to announce our plans to open a low cost, high quality spay/neuter clinic in a downriver suburb. This clinic will make low cost sterilization surgeries for cats and dogs available to the more than 2 million citizens of Wayne County and surrounding areas.

P.A.W.S. volunteers have played an integral role in the sterilization program which was implemented last year at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter. It is our mission to lower euthanasia rates in all shelters in the area as we have helped to do at this shelter. This can only be done by offering low cost, high quality, high volume spay/neuter surgery to the community and its local shelters.

We would like to be added to the agenda for the August 17th Wyandotte City Council meeting to briefly update you on our plans for the clinic, and to answer any questions the Mayor and Council might have.

We plan to continue our work at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter, and are eager to continue working with you once our clinic opens.

Sincerely,
Christine Romano
Vice President
P.A.W.S. of Michigan
P O Box 2184, Riverview, MI 48193

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

August 14, 2009

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

As the economic troubles in the state gained momentum, a number of studies have been conducted to identify appropriate strategies to transform the environment from a manufacturing-based economy to a knowledge-based economy. A key element that was identified in achieving this transformation is the development of a "sense of place" – a feeling or perception held by people (not by the place itself) regarding characteristics that make a place special or unique that foster a sense of authentic human attachment and belonging.

Many of our recent initiatives, whether we were cognizant of what we were doing or not, have been consistent with the development of a sense of place – streetscape improvements, decorative pedestrian lighting, the Masonic Arts Center, a renovated Yack Arena, the creation of the Department of Recreation, Leisure, and Culture, and the cooperative relationship that is being developed with the Downriver Council of the Arts. In addition to these efforts,

As I indicated during my campaign for Mayor, I intended to promote projects and initiatives that will develop a vibrant and exciting downtown. To accomplish this, I believe two additional initiatives are critical to pursue – new city entryway signs and improved signage in our downtown area. Thus, I had instructed Todd Drysdale to gather information on these potential projects.

Included in the following agenda item are the results of the investigation conducted by the City's Special Projects Coordinator relative to these projects. Although many details remain to be disclosed, I am asking for your support in taking the next steps in pursuing a Wayfinding project that includes new entryway signs for the City.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Peterson, Mayor

August 13, 2009

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

RE: PROPOSED CITY OF WYANDOTTE WAYFINDING PROJECT & WELCOME SIGNAGE

Dear Mayor and Council:

In an effort to showcase the City of Wyandotte's unique identity and foster improved downtown accessibility, the undersigned are requesting to embark upon a Wayfinding Project. The Wayfinding Project will be used as a tool to guide visitors easily from major thoroughfares to the downtown destination, and back out again. This system will include vehicular and pedestrian level signage, as well as "you are here" maps to guide visitors from their cars and then around downtown and to points of interest on foot.

It is anticipated that this project will require the assistance of a professional consulting firm in order to accomplish the results that we desire. In addition to directional signage, this firm will also analyze the current locations of our Welcome Signs and make recommendations according to traffic flow into the city. The project will be performed in conjunction with the Downtown Development Authority and the Engineering and Building Department to ensure that we meet the

unique needs and requirements of our City.

Accordingly, please find herewith, information relative to the proposed City Welcome Signage. This information includes a proposed design and plans for the welcome signage, details on the planter box construction and a landscaping plan. This preliminary signage design will be used as a basis for the design of future Wayfinding signage located throughout the City of Wyandotte and the Downtown Area. Also included is a photograph of the existing City of Wyandotte Welcome Signage, for your reference.

The signage design reflects the historic nature of our City and informs passersby about our beautiful waterfront. The two-sided design will both welcome residents and visitors and invite them to return. The various service organizations that serve our city are incorporated into the design, as well as our web address. This information will make residents and visitors more aware of the vast community involvement of our residents and inform them of ongoing City events. As part of the new signage proposal, organizations and individuals will be solicited to properly maintain the landscaping at the new signage. The proposed design of the raised landscape beds will aid in the ease of maintenance of the new landscaping.

The proposed design has received preliminary approval from the Office of the Mayor, the Beautification Commission, The Downtown Development Authority Design Committee and the Engineering and Building Department. Upon your approval, and the results of the anticipated review by the professional Wayfinding consulting firm, the proposed Welcome Signage and any other proposed signage may have to meet final approval from Wayne County.

I am seeking approval from council both on the proposed design, as well permission to embark upon a Wayfinding Project for our city. This project will help to aid in residents and visitors as they explore and travel our City. The Wayfinding project will also help to reinforce the ideas and planning that we are initiating as a result of the ongoing Strategic Planning process. Upon your preliminary approval, solicitation for the aforementioned consultant will be made with a proposed contract forwarded for your approval with the funding sources identified.

If you should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this very important project.

Sincerely,

Natalie A. Rankine, RA
Special Projects Coordinator
The City of Wyandotte

July 22, 2009

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

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 2009-004

The Traffic Bureau forwarded a recommendation for the installation of "Handicap Parking" signs on Pine Street at the request of 3461 19th St., Wyandotte, Michigan. This request met all the qualifications set forth by the Commission, therefore in concurrence with Sergeant Pouliot, this letter serves as a recommendation for Council support of Traffic Control Order 2009-004 as specified on said order.

If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact my office at extension 4424.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Grant, Chief of Police

August 11, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members:

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day and E-Cycling Day is Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Riverview Land Preserve, corner of King and Grange Road. Wyandotte Residents are encouraged to dispose of household hazardous waste and electronic equipment. Attached is a list of acceptable and unacceptable items. There is no cost to the Residents.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

August 13, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson And City Council
City Hall
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

On August 3, 2009, the Art Center Committee reviewed the budget and prioritized list of improvements for the Masonic Temple Renovation Project. Attached is a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

As such, in addition to the previous contract entered into with Brivar Construction Company, the undersigned recommend approving the following additional projects as a part of the renovation:

1. Demolition of the existing porch and ramp with replacement of new main stairs at a cost of \$61,191.80
2. Design, engineering and installation of fire suppression system at a cost of \$89,984.00.

In addition, a recommendation will be forthcoming to install a new water service and kitchen when pricing is completed.

The pursuit of the aforementioned projects is anticipated to use all of the budgeted funding for this project while leaving a contingency amount of approximately 10% of the project costs.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer
Todd A. Drysdale, Director of Financial/Administrative Services

August 11, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

The undersigned recommends that Council approve the Wyandotte Jaycees to utilize the old Police/Court Building at 2015 Biddle as their 2009 Haunted House.

If approved, the Jaycees would have to comply with Section 411, Special Amusement Buildings, of the Michigan Building Code. This Section requires, among other items, an automatic sprinkler system, fire alarm system and emergency lighting. The Fire Department and Plumbing Inspector should be consulted on these items.

Also, it is recommended that the Wyandotte Jaycees and the City of Wyandotte execute the attached Permit.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

REPORTS AND MINUTES:

Fire Commission Meeting	July 14, 2009
Police Commission Meeting	July 14, 2009
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	July 21, 2009
TIFA	July 21, 2009
Municipal Service Commission	July 28, 2009
Zoning Board of Appeals & Adjustments	August 5, 2009

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

RECESSRECONVENINGROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilperson DeSana

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan August 17, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd Browning

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 Todd Browning
 Supported by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
 ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 17, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City of Wyandotte Beautification Commission dated August 11, 2009 relative to their perennial exchange on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permission is granted for the use of the southwest portion of the city-owned parking lot at Eureka and Third Streets for this event. AND FURTHER a Hold Harmless Agreement shall be executed and placed on file with the Clerk's Office as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd Browning
 Supported by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
 YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
 NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 17, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from P.A.W.S. of Michigan, P.O. Box 2184, Riverview, Michigan 48193 regarding a spay/neuter clinic to be opened in a Downriver suburb is hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd Browning
 Supported by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
 ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 17, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Mayor Peterson dated August 14, 2009 relative to new city entryway signs and improved signage in our downtown area is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby CONCURS in the proposed design of the signage as submitted by the Mayor, Special Projects Coordinator, Beautification Commission, DDA Design Committee and City Engineer. AND FURTHER City Council concurs in the recommendation to pursue a Wayfinding project to achieve these city-wide objectives of updated signage.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd Browning
 Supported by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
 YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
 NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 17, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council concurs in the recommendation set forth by the Chief of Police as stated in Traffic Control Order 2009-004 for the placement of "Handicap Parking" signs on Pine Street at the request of 3461-19th (adjacent property owner). AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service be directed to install said signs.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd Browning
 Supported by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
 YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
 NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 17, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that WHEREAS the next Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHW) and E-Cycling Day is Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Riverview Land Preserve, on the corner of King and Grange Roads, in Riverview, Michigan; Wyandotte residents are encouraged to properly dispose of items on this day.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd Browning
 Supported by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
 ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 17, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer and Director of Financial and Administrative services regarding the Masonic Temple Renovation Project is hereby received and placed on file; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the Art Center Committee and hereby authorizes the City Engineer to approve additional work with Brivar Construction Company in the amount of \$61,191.80 for demolition of existing porch and ramp with replacement of new main stairs and the design, engineering and installation of fire suppression system in the amount of \$89,984.00 from account #499-200-850-517 and 400-800-825-340; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer is directed to present pricing for remodeling the kitchen and installation of a new water service for Council approval.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd Browning
 Supported by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
 YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
 NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 17, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer as set forth in his communication dated August 11, 2009 to grant permission to the Wyandotte Jaycees to utilize the old Police/Court Building at 2015 Biddle, Wyandotte as their 2009 Haunted House. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Department and City Plumbing Inspector should be consulted in the design of the Haunted House so as to adhere to the safety requirement codes; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign said permit to allow the Wyandotte Jaycees to utilize the property at 2015 Biddle, Wyandotte provided all requirements of the permit are met; including the necessary Hold Harmless Agreements and Insurance. AND FURTHER that before opening said Haunted House the Fire Department, Building Inspector and Plumbing Inspector shall inspect and approve said Haunted House for compliance with all City of Wyandotte Codes.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd Browning
 Supported by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
 YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
 NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 17, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$1,052,080.01 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd Browning
 Supported by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
 YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec
 NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Todd Browning
 Supported by Councilperson Daniel Galeski
 That we adjourn
 Carried unanimously.
 Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.
 August 17, 2009

William R. Griggs, City Clerk