

**CITY OF WYANDOTTE**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

A Regular Session of the Wyandotte City Council was held in Council Chambers on Monday, February 9, 2026, and was called to order at 7:00pm with Honorable Robert Desana presiding.

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

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Present: Mayor Robert A. DeSana, Councilpersons Robert Alderman, Christopher Calvin, Adriana Cerulla, Kelly Stec, Patrick Sutka

Absent: Councilpersons Todd Hanna

Also Present: City Assessor, Theodore Galeski; William R. Look, City Attorney; Jesus Plasencia, City Engineer; Todd Browning, City Treasurer; Dana Hughes, Deputy City Clerk; Mary Pilon, City Clerk

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**2026-20 FIRST & FINAL READING #1559: SALARY OF THE CITY CLERK**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE ORDAINS:

Section 1. SALARY FOR CLERK

Commencing with the term of office that begins February 9, 2025, the salary and fringe benefits for the City Clerk shall be as follows:

Effective February 9, 2026 an annual salary of \$12,000.00. There are no fringe benefits.

Section 2. Severability.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health or safety and is necessary for the usual daily operation of the City and the City Clerk's Office. Therefore, it is necessary for this Ordinance to take effect immediately. This Ordinance or a summary thereof shall be published in a newspaper generally circulated in the City of Wyandotte within ten (10) days of its passage.

On the question, "SHALL THIS ORDINANCE NOW PASS?", the following vote was recorded:

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-21 APPOINTMENT – CITY CLERK**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of City Clerk due to the resignation of Larry Stec; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Charter, the Mayor has the authority to appoint a qualified individual to fill the unexpired term of the City Clerk, subject to confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pilon is a resident and qualified elector of the City of Wyandotte and meets all requirements to serve in the office of City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has reviewed applications, conducted interviews, and evaluated the operational needs of the Clerk's Office prior to making this appointment; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk is an elected office with no set hours, with day-to-day operational responsibilities of the Clerk's Office handled by the Deputy Clerk; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance will be completed to formally set the salary for the City Clerk at \$12,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, this appointment is intended to fill the unexpired term of the City Clerk through the next regularly scheduled election in May 2029;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyandotte City Council hereby confirms the appointment of Mary Pilon to the office of City Clerk to serve the unexpired term ending with the May 2029 election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointment shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution and after the administration of the oath of office.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Rand O'Leary of Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital regarding Centennial Celebration

### **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**At this time, any persons having matters of immediate importance which they were unable to place in writing prior to the agenda deadline may approach the podium and will have three (3) minutes to address Mayor and Council.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **2026-22 APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 01.26.2026**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held under the date of January 26, 2026 be approved as recorded without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **2026-23 SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION – DOWNRIVER PRIDE 2026**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

WHEREAS, Conz Productions has requested approval to host PRIDE 2026 in Downtown Wyandotte, and the proposed event has been reviewed by the City Engineer, Department of Public Service, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Recreation Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the event is scheduled for June 19 and June 20, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily, with setup beginning on June 18, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., and the city property to reopen on June 21, 2026 at 12:00 a.m., utilizing Parking Lot #1 and a portion of the waterfront grassy area; and

WHEREAS, food and alcohol will be served, with all food trucks, vendors, and tents inspected by the Wyandotte Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, City services requested include fencing, barricades, dumpsters, trash receptacles, electrical hookups, and police security; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for use of city property is \$2,800, including \$2,500 for the use of Parking Lot #1 with alcohol sales and \$300 per day for additional use, with 25% (\$700) due the next business day following Council approval; and

WHEREAS, all tents on city property must be weighted (staking is prohibited), and Conz Productions is responsible for cleanup before, during, and after the event, including removal of glass, spills, and broken items; and

WHEREAS, Conz Productions must provide insurance naming the City of Wyandotte as an additional insured and execute a hold harmless agreement; and

WHEREAS, any additional requests made after Council approval shall be reviewed and approved by the Special Events Coordinator and the appropriate department heads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the special event application submitted by Conz Productions to host PRIDE 2026 in Downtown Wyandotte, subject to the terms and conditions outlined herein.

Motion unanimously Carried

#### **2026-24 SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION – WOW 360 EVENTS**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Special Event Coordinator to approve the use of city sidewalks, streets and property for the events held by WOW 360 on:

**Bark on Biddle – May 28 - May 31, 2026**

- Portion of Parking Lot #1 & Bishop Park – see attached map
- See attached for city needs

**Swiggin' Pig – June 4-6, 2026**

- Portion of Parking Lot #1 & Bishop Park – see attached map
- See attached for city needs

**Wyandotte Beer Fest – September 18, 2026**

- Portion of Parking Lot #1 with the sale of alcohol - see map
- See attached for city needs

**Fire & Flannel Fest – September 24-26, 2026**

- Portion of Parking Lot #1 & Bishop Park – see attached map
- See attached for city needs

**Tacos, Hops, & Tequila – October 3, 2026**

- Portion of Parking Lot #1 - see map
- See attached for city needs

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WOW 360 will comply with the following:

- Total 25% of all requested events/use of city property - \$4,800.00 due the following business day after council approves the event application.
- Any tents on the street or sidewalk must be weighted (no stakes are allowed to be used to anchor tents) to prevent collapse.
- Clean up before/during and after the event (glass, spills; broken items, etc.) must be done by WOW 360 for the duration of the event.
- Any requests made after this letter is reviewed and approved will be evaluated by the Special Events Coordinator and necessary Department Heads for approval/denial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WOW 360 must add the City of Wyandotte as additional insured to their insurance policy and sign a hold harmless agreement.

Motion unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2026-25 CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – R. CABRERA**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

BE IT RESOLVED that the email correspondence from Rachel Cabrera regarding construction at the lot located at 2127 11th Street be referred to the City Engineer for review, with a report to be provided to City Council at the February 23, 2026 Council Meeting.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-26 FORT STREET SIGN POLICY REVISION**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

WHEREAS, the Fort Street electronic sign is maintained by the City of Wyandotte as a municipal communication tool to share official City of Wyandotte, Wyandotte Public Schools, and City of Southgate event information; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyandotte City Council hereby adopts the revised Fort Street Sign Rental Policy, as presented, to: Exclusive sign use to City of Wyandotte, Wyandotte Public Schools, and City of Southgate events and activities, including veterans' organization events that are co-sponsored by the City, hosted on City-owned property, or formally incorporated into a City-led program or official City event;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the revised policy shall take effect immediately.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-27 APPROVAL TO SELL SCOTT SCBA EQUIPMENT**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

BE IT RESOLVED that the council concurs with the Fire Chief as well as the Fire Commission to sell Scott SCBA equipment no longer compatible to Empire SCBA & Supplies for the amount of \$12,500.00. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$12,500.00 from the sale of this equipment be placed into account 101-000-257-109.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-28 WAYNE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves and adopts the updated Wayne County Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Wyandotte.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-29 BUSINESS LICENSE – THREE FATES TATOO GALLERY**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

BE IT RESOLVED that the license application from Dan Mysliwec of Autumn McCallister at 1815 Ford Ave. is hereby approved, with zoning approval having been granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 7, 2025; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorizes the City Clerk to issue the proper license, pending all state, County, and local requirements are met and payment is made and submitted to the City Clerk.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-30 SOCIAL DISTRICT EXPANSION**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

WHEREAS, Michigan's Governor signed into law Public Act 124 on July 1st, 2020, and Public Act 27 of 2022 on March 10th, 2022, which collectively give the City Council of the City of Wyandotte the power and authority to create Social Districts and Common Areas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Wyandotte created the Wyandotte Social District on August 31st, 2020, and further amended on November 23rd, 2020 and December 6th, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the revised Wyandotte Social District Local Maintenance and Operations Plan and the expanded boundaries of the Wyandotte Social District and Common Areas as proposed.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-31 SOC. DISTRICT PERMIT APP. – LATITUDES & NORTHERN WIND BREWING**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Public Act 124 of 2020, as amended, the City of Wyandotte has established the Wyandotte Social District and Commons Area; and

WHEREAS, the following establishments/licensees are located within said Social District and Commons Area, have submitted an application for a Social District Permit; 3455 Biddle, LLC (aka Latitudes) whose address is 3455 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, and

Northern Wind Brewing LLC whose address is 3355 3rd Street, Wyandotte, and

WHEREAS, said Act provides that the City Council shall review and approve the Social District Permit Applications prior to the licensee's submitting their Social District Permit Applications to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council hereby approve the Social District Permit Applications as presented, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the City Clerk to complete the Local Governmental Unit Approval Forms for the Social District Permit Application.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-32 DOWNRIVER COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS – BUILDING FUND RQST**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the funding request of the DCA in the amount of \$5,791.87 for elevator service, maintenance, and repair at 81 Chestnut Street, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the quotes of service and invoices shall be referred to the DDA Director and City Engineer for technical support.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-33 HIRING: FULL-TIME POLICE RECORDS CLERK**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

RESOLVED that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the Human Resource Specialist regarding the hiring of a Full-Time Police Records Clerk within the Police Department; AND CONCURS with the recommendation therein and hereby declares said position vacant and authorizes the filling of such vacancy and

FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Council approves the hiring of Jessica Ball as a Full-Time Police Records Clerk at Class Code 27A within the Police Department contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical, drug screen and background check.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-34 HIRING: FULL-TIME CLERK TYPIST I – ENG & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the Human Resource Specialist regarding the hiring of a Full-Time Clerk Typist I for the Engineering and Building Department; AND

CONCURS with the recommendation therein and hereby declares said position vacant and authorizes the filling of such vacancy and

FURTHER, RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the Council approves the hiring of Alicia Zupkoff as a Full-Time Clerk Typist I at Class Code 27B within the Engineering and Building Department, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical, drug screen and background check.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-35 WYANDOTTE SHORES GOLF COURSE CART AGREEMENT**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Recreation and to award Midwest Golf & Turf the 'New 2026 Fleet Lease' for a total of \$40,533.84 a year, which shall be funded from Account 525-750-825-550.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the contract with Midwest Golf & Turf.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-36 STREETScape ON OAK BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> STREETS**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the streetscape on the north side of Oak Street between 1st Street and 2nd Street is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council concurs with proposed streetscape changes to the north side of Oak Street from 1st to 2nd Streets as presented; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Deputy Clerk are authorized to execute the Grant of Licenses as presented.

Placed on file.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-37 BID AWARD #4898 – CURED IN PLACE PIPE LINING FOR SEWERS**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla  
 BE IT RESOLVED that City Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer and awards Bid File #4898: Cured-In-Place Sewer Lining to Inland Waters Pollution Control of Detroit, Michigan, in the amount of \$425,922.20 paid from account #590-200-926-310.  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to proceed with the execution of this contract.  
 Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-38 PROF. SERVICES FOR CLEARING TITLE ON TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla  
 RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer and approves the hiring of Scott Assenmacher of Taft/The Modern Law Firm to clear title on city-owned tax foreclosed properties; AND  
 BE IT RESOLVED that said cost will be paid from TIFA 492-200-850-519.  
 Motion unanimously carried.

**2026-39 BILLS & ACCOUNTS**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla  
 RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$1,722,726.51 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby approved for payment.  
 Motion unanimously carried.

**REPORTS & MINUTES**

Beautification Commission 01.09.2026  
 Cultural & Historical Commission Minutes 11.13.2025 & 12.11.2025  
 Fire Commission 01.13.2026  
 Police Commission 01.27.2026  
 Recreation Commission Minutes 12.09.25  
 Retirement Commission 01.21.2026

**REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS****ADJOURNMENT****2026-40 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Alderman, seconded by Councilperson Cerulla  
 RESOLVED that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 7:52 PM.  
 Motion unanimously carried.

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 Dana Hughes, Deputy City Clerk