

**CITY OF WAYLAND, MI**  
**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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Mayor Bala opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**1. PRELIMINARY**

**1.1 Call to Order and Welcome by Mayor Bala**

**1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

**1.3 Roll Call:** Mayor Bala & Councilmembers Patrick, Hudson, Hamilton, Antel, Kobish & Maichele

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** City Manager Chris Yonker, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Bhamma Cairns, City Clerk Michelle Herman, Joe Hamilton, Skyelar Iciek and Trent Podskalan, Student Representative for Wayland Union High School

**1.4 Excuse Absent Councilmembers:** None

**1.5 Approval of Meeting Agenda:** A motion by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Maichele to approve the meeting agenda.

**Passed unanimously.**

**2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS:** None

**3. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS**

**3.1 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held September 8, 2009**

Three corrections made to the September 8, 2009 Minutes, two in section 7.1 and one under Councilmember Patrick's comments.

**3.2 Regular Invoice Register dated 9/17/2009 totaling \$62,688.40**

**3.3 Recurring Invoice Register dated 9/17/2009 totaling \$5,609.11**

**3.4 Bond Invoice Register dated 9/17/2009 totaling \$118,893.71**

**3.5 Semi-Annual Payment to A & R and the DDA dated 9/16/2009 totaling \$258,958.80**

A motion made by Councilmember Hamilton, seconded by Councilmember Antel to approve the routine agenda items with the corrections to the minutes.

**Passed unanimously.**

**4. BRIEF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Citizen Joe Hamilton asked about the status of the Wildflower Ridge development, which is becoming a dumping ground for all kinds of yard waste and trash. He also asked about the status of the development's 2006 punchlist.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

6. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Establishing Meeting Date for Joint Session with Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board**

The City Council established Monday, October 19, 2009 for a joint meeting between the Downtown Development Authority and the Council. The Regular City Council Meeting will begin at 6 PM. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the W. Superior St. reconstruction project was tentatively established for 7 PM, followed by the joint session with the DDA at 7:30 PM.

**7.2 Establishing a Process and Date for Conducting Annual City Council Strategic Planning Session**

The City Council established Saturday, November 7, 2009 as the meeting date for the Strategic Planning Session. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall beginning at 8 AM & adjourning at 12 PM (noon). The City Manager will facilitate the meeting. Department Heads & key administrative staff will also participate in the session.

**7.3 Establishing a Process and Date for Conducting the 6-month Performance Review of the City Manager**

As required by the City Manager's Employment Agreement, the City Council agreed to conduct the Manager's 6-month performance review at its Regular Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2009. Manager Yonker described his suggested process for conducting his review, including the Council evaluating both management practices as well as measurable objectives. He distributed an ICMA summary of the 18 "Practices for Effective Local Government Management" to assist the Council. Mayor Bala noted that he had reviewed prior City Manager evaluation processes & would coordinate the review process. Councilmember Hudson requested that the review materials be submitted to the Councilmembers in advance of the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

8. **BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:** None

9. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**9.1 Announcements/Reports**

- **City Manager** - City Manager Yonker provided Council with a brief update regarding the Wildflower Ridge development. Mr. Yonker did a walk-through with the City's engineer & a representative of the developer's engineer in July. Staff is reviewing the written punchlist summary from that meeting, which was finally received last week. In response to comments by Joe Hamilton earlier in the meeting, Council consensus was to have Mr. Yonker explore a road closure to the development pending an update from the developer and attorney.

Mr. Yonker reported the Grand Elk Railroad estimates the installation of the gates will be completed within a couple of weeks. He will update the Council when more information is received from the railroad.

Mr. Yonker reviewed the estimated State Revenue Sharing comparison between Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010 based on the projected cuts of over \$163 million now pending before the State Legislature. If approved, this could result in an additional cut of approximately \$50,000 to the City's General Fund.

- **City Clerk** - City Clerk Herman reminded the Council to sign up to staff the City's booth at the Wayland Community Expo being held at the Wayland Middle School on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Expo runs from 10 AM to 3 PM. Set up is on the evening before on Friday, from 6 – 8 PM.
- **WUHS Student Representative** - Trent Podskalan updated the Council about the upcoming Homecoming activities at Wayland Union High School.
- **Mayor & Councilmember Comments**

Councilmember Antel provided an update on the Rabbit River Park MDNR Grant Application. Ms. Antel is working with our grantwriter to attempt to improve on the review points to place the project in a better position to receive a grant.

Councilmember Kobish noted the new Wayland Union School busing policy is resulting in Forrest Street students walking in the roadway to the bus stop due to the lack of sidewalks. He felt the City may wish to revisit the decision to not install sidewalks along this street. He also noted that he does not desire business cards as a councilmember.

Councilmember Maichele stated that due to the tight economic times & City budget, he does not desire business cards as a councilmember.

Councilmember Patrick asked the City to consider the value of Twitter or Facebook as communication tools with its citizens.

**9.2 Written Communications Transmitted with Meeting Packet: None**

**10. EXTENDED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None**

**11. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Bala adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Herman, City Clerk

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Tim Bala, Mayor