

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 28, 2015

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Excused: LeRoy D. Burcroff, Linda Choate, Sylvia Makowski.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert Dickerson, Chief of Staff

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

15-429 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 14, 2015. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner: None

4. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report

6A. Clerk's Report:

15-430 6A1. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and City Assessor, Julie Albert, to not acquire any of the properties included on the Wayne County Treasurer's Tax Foreclosed Properties in Wayne County for year 2015 dated December 9, 2015 due to the fact that none of the properties are adjacent to existing city-owned property. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

15-431 6A2. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a resolution to thank State Representative Erika Geiss for her unwavering support of House Bill 4686 which expands a municipality's ability to defend itself against sidewalk litigation that often tends to be frivolous. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report

6C. Officers Compensation Commission Report:

Councilman Wadsworth complimented the Officers Compensation Commission on their hard work in reviewing the elected officials salaries and if he receives a raise in salary, he will donate it back to the City. Councilwoman Roscoe complimented the Officers Compensation Commission and said that she will follow suit with Councilman Wadsworth. Councilwoman Abdo expressed if no action is taken by Council, the raises go into effect in 30 days and that no raises should be given to elected officials because there are 60 homes that are foreclosed in Romulus according to the Property Disposition list. She encouraged residents to call Council members to express their thoughts on the raises. She also stated that she has been in contact with 28 people regarding the raises. Councilman Crout expressed that it wouldn't be right to give a raise to elected officials at this time when the City is asking the residents for a millage increase. City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg clarified the reference made regarding the 60 foreclosed homes by pointing out that the tax-foreclosed properties listed on the Property Disposition list are vacant lots and uninhabitable houses. Mayor Pro-Tem Barden complimented the Officers Compensation Commission for their hard work and expressed that it's up to the individual as to what they do with their raise in salary.

7. Public Comment

8. Unfinished Business:

Councilman Wadsworth spoke about the calls he received from residents complimenting the DPW workers on the fine job they did on the Inkster Road and Middlebelt Road water main breaks over the past two days. Councilman Wadsworth also complimented the new signage that has been placed around the City directing persons to the various city buildings. He asked if the administration could add the Library and Animal Shelter to the signage

9. New Business

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Roscoe thanked the DPW workers for coming in during the holidays to fix the water main breaks.

15-432 11. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 15-24 in the amount of \$906,516.97. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 28, 2015.