

# MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2016

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, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

## Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor  
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

**6-144 2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 8, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**16-145 2B.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the special meeting minutes of February 8, 2016 at 600 p.m. – Study Session for the General Audit (financial report w/supplemental information) and single audit (federal awards supplemental information) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays – None. Abstain – Abdo.**

## Motion Carried.

## 3. Petitioner: None.

## 4. Chairperson's Report:

Mayor Pro-Tem Barden spoke about the Black History Month program. Councilwoman Abdo expressed appreciation that the Romulus High School students were invited to the Black History Month celebration.

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

## 5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming city events. Mayor Burcroff named the four honored recipients at the Black History Month celebration: Family of Willie Watson, St. John Lodge 44, Emory Long, and Reverend Rita Talley

**16-146 5A.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve the anticipated 2016/2017 CDBG allocation and projects. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**16-147 5B.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a resolution to abandon the existing 8 inch water main in Middlebelt Road between Goddard and Wick Roads and reconnect all services to an available 24 inch redundant line. Wayne County requires that a resolution be enacted recognizing that the ownership of the abandoned main still belongs to the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**16-148 5C.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to award Bid ITB 15/16-11 to the lowest qualified bidder, M-K Construction Co., for a contract for the installation of a redundant (secondary) water main line along Wickham Road, between Wick and Merriman Roads in an amount not to exceed \$354,442.48. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**16-149 5D.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to award Bid ITB 15/16-12 to the lowest qualified bidder, Pamar Enterprise, for a contract for the installation of a water main line along Pennsylvania Road, between Wahrman and Wayne Roads in an amount not to exceed \$540,039.50. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**16-150 5E(1).** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout**, to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Billing Service Agreement with AccuMed Billing, Inc. for insurance billing and collection of fire and EMS activities of the Romulus Fire Department. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**16-151 5E(2).** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo**, to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Subscription Agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc. for new billing and electronic patient care reporting Software **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**16-152 5F.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and appoint Barbara Sanders to the City of Romulus Housing Commission to fulfill the term of the vacant resident Board Member position. The term will expire on February 16, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**16-153 5G.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe**, to adopt the Resolution Pledging Limited Tax Full Faith and Credit in Support of the Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Romulus 2016 Tax Increment Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation) to authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,750,000 to refund the Authority's outstanding 2006 Tax Increment Recreation Center Bonds. The refunding is being done to achieve debt service savings on the 2006 Bonds. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**16-154 5H.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout**, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of 2016 Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation) to authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,600,000 to refinance the City's outstanding 2006 Capital Improvement Bonds which were originally issued for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements to the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the City, including water main replacements. The City has the ability to achieve interest cost savings by refunding bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates in the bond market. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**16-155 5I.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski**, to revise the Original FY 15/16 Budget for School Tax Captures, Principal and Interest payments for the 1994 Bond payments that were combined into the 2015 TIFA Vining Road Project Bonds previously approved by the TIFA Board and City Council.

## FUND/DEPT.

### ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME

## CURRENT

### BUDGET

## AMENDMENT

## AMENDED

### BUDGET

## TAX INCREMENT FINANCE

## AUTHORITY

**Revenue:** 297-728-402.000

Current Tax 3,572,355.25

(481,130.00)

3,091,225.25

**Expense:** 297-728-990.002

Principal - 1994

Bonds 400,000.00

(400,000.00)

-

297-728-995.002

Interest -

1994 Bonds 81,130.00

(81,130.00)

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To revise the Original FY 15/16 Budget for School Tax Captures, Principal and Interest payments for the 1994 Bond payments and that were combined into the 2015 TIFA Vining Road Project Bonds previously approved by the TIFA Board and City Council.

This budget amendment was approved by the TIFA Board at the December 10, 2015 TIFA Board meeting. Res #15-TIFA-448. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 6A. Clerk's Report

**16-156 6A1.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski**, to schedule a study session on Monday, April 11, 2016 and Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2016-17 City Budget and schedule a public hearing on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays – None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**16-157 6A2.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to introduce first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 6, Animals, to clarify the intent of the existing sections pertaining to animals. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

**Nays – None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 6B. Treasurer's Report

## 7. Public Comment

Gina Steward, Telegram Newspaper, spoke about Black History Month. A resident commented about an employee using city address for non-profit organization and also inquired about employees fringe benefits. A resident asked if the employee's name could be revealed who allegedly is using the city address for a non-profit organization. (Name not revealed). A resident commented on the funding for the RAC.

## 8. Unfinished Business:

Councilwoman Abdo spoke about the Wolverine Pipeline information. Councilman Wadsworth commented that there are no street lights at the corner of Ecorse and Ball Road.

## 9. New Business

## 10. Communication

**16-158 11.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to pay Warrant 16-04 in the amount of \$2,008,927.38.

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**12.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski**, 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 February 22, 2016.

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