

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 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
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk City
Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney

1. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Abdo**, to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-220 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo**, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 25, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-221 2B. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe**, to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on April 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Study Session to discuss Proposed 2016-17 City Budget. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3A. Petitioner: PC-2014-005, D & G Conditional Rezoning (11651 Hannan Road).

Nino DiDomenico, representative of D & G Building Company located at 11651 Hannan Road, explained that there was a conditional rezoning of the portion of the property at the southeast corner of Northline and Hannan Roads from M-1 to M-2, and he is requesting Council to approve the extension of the conditional rezoning. Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth asked if the request was just to keep the same zoning with nothing else going on for future development. Mr. DiDomenico answered, yes.

16-222 3A1. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski**, to approve a one-year extension to expire on May 12, 2017 for PC 2015-005 to D & G Building Company – conditional rezoning at 11651 Hannan Road, Romulus, MI. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Bardon wished the City Clerk a happy birthday. The Chair announced the two public hearings that were held before the regular council meeting - 6:00 p.m., Public Hearing on the Proposed Projects for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and 6:30 p.m., Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2016/2017 City Budget.; The Chair recognized Councilwoman Choate, who asked for a birthday resolution for Ronald McClelland's 70th birthday; The Chair recognized Councilwoman Abdo who requested a motion to transfer Community Development Block Grant job allocations for FY 14/15 and 15/16 to a new project, the property purchase for the expansion of the Historical Park; The Chair recognized Councilman Wadsworth who requested a memorial resolution for Richard Evans who passed away on May 1st.; The Chair recognized Councilwoman Roscoe who asked for a resolution to congratulate Ronnie Brown, a 2005 Romulus High School graduate and valedictorian, on being awarded "Teacher of the Year." Ronnie is a math teacher at Taylor Preparatory High School.

16-223 4A1. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout**, to adopt a birthday resolution for Ronald McClelland's 70th birthday. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

16-224 4A2. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Crout**, to transfer \$150,308.20 to Community Development Block Grant job allocations for FY 14/15 and 15/16 to a new project, the property purchase for the expansion of the Historical Park. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

16-225 4A3. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski**, to adopt a memorial resolution for Richard Evans. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

16-226 4A4. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski**, to adopt a resolution to congratulate Ronnie Brown on receiving the Teacher of the Year Award. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff showed a video of upcoming events in the City of Romulus. Mayor Burcroff commented that the study session and public hearing on the Proposed 2016/17 Budget were the last of the special meetings and that the General Appropriations Act will be on the agenda for May 9th.

6A. Clerk's Report:

16-227 6A1. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe**, to approve first reading and introduction of Code of Ordinance Text Amendments to Chapter 52 – Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, Sections 52-24, Ordering Construction, 52-28, Sidewalk Appeals, and 52-29, Alternatives to construction of sidewalks; payment-in-lieu of construction. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-228 6A2. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth**, to approve first reading and introduction to PC-2016-001; Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments - Animal/Agricultural Uses - Sections 3.02, 6.02, 7.02, and 8.02, Schedule of Uses; Section 11.15, Animal/Agricultural; Sections 24.02, Definitions A; Sections 24.07, Definitions F; Sections 24.12, Definitions K; and Section 24.19, Definitions F, and 24.22, Definitions. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-229 6A3. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout**, to approve first reading and introduction to PC-2016-002; Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Sidewalks and Non-motorized Pathways and Section 20.09, Nonconforming sites.

Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo asked if this pertained to homes that are already built or pertains to new construction. Carol Maise, City Planner answered, it contains to both, however existing homes in single family subdivisions are exempt. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-230 6A4. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Abdo**, to approve first reading and introduction to PC-2016-003; Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Section 17.02, Uses Requiring Site Plan Review. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-231 6A5. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe**, to concur with the Election Commission to establish a new polling location and move Precinct 5 from City Hall, located at 11111 Wayne Road to the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36525 Bibbins Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo asked the Clerk to explain the reasons for moving the polling location and asked if there would be any financial expenses to the city. Clerk Bragg responded that the only costs would be mailing costs, which were already budgeted for; Mayor Burcroff asked the Clerk to explain the notification process for the general public. Clerk Bragg responded that every voter in Precinct 5 will receive a new voter registration card along with a notice, notifying the residents of the polling location change. The city's website and newsletter will also be utilized to notify residents of the polling location change; Chairperson Bardon commented that residents wouldn't have to go around the Library and thought moving the polling location was a good move. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment:

A resident voiced their concerns regarding changing the polling location right before an election.

8. Unfinished Business:

Councilman Wadsworth shared an email that Council and Mayor Burcroff received from a Romulus resident regarding a house on Meadow Court. They were very pleased and wanted to thank the Mayor, the Ordinance and Building Departments and all those that were involved in solving the problem. They said that it gave them hope back in the community. Councilman Wadsworth shared a story regarding a Huron Township firetruck that was stopped at the train track on Sibley Road and couldn't reach the fire in time to save a house. When Bill Oakley was Mayor, an attempt was made to get involved with building a bridge on Pennsylvania Road. Councilman Wadsworth asked the Mayor if the City could start that process again and suggested that council adopt a resolution for the administration to pursue looking into the project and that copies be sent to Huron Township, the County Commissioner and all the elected State Officials. Mayor Burcroff gave some background on why the project didn't take place during that time and said he would be happy to pursue it again; Councilwoman Abdo mentioned that at one time there was talk about DPW putting up signs by the railroad tracks. Mayor Burcroff commented that Wayne County would not allow them to put up the signs and CSX did not want the signs on their property.; Clerk Bragg responded to the residents concern regarding moving the polling location before an election. Mayor Burcroff also commented that the Election Committee feels the Senior Center is more accommodating. Councilwoman Makowski commented that with ADA Compliance, it is not a want, but a need, we don't have a choice. Clerk Bragg added that we get grant money from the State to help insure we are in compliance.

16-232 8A1. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout**, to adopt a resolution for the administration to look into the Pennsylvania Road Project. (In 1999 and 2000, City Council adopted resolutions to send to CSX Railroad regarding the long periods of wait time at the Pennsylvania Road railroad crossing between I 275 and Huron River Drive, which was referred to as the Pennsylvania Road Project. Recently, this crossing was blocked for more than 20 minutes due to the loading of new cars onto flatbeds to be transported from the automotive companies. During this delay at the railroad crossing, there was a house fire in Huron Township and certain fire personnel were not able to get to the fire because of the stopped train at the crossing. The house ultimately burned to the ground.) **Motion Carried Unanimously**

10. Communication:

Councilman Wadsworth announced the Romulus Animal Shelter Bowl-A-Thon on May 13th, and there are still a few spots left.; Councilman Crout wished everyone who has a birthday in the month of May and Roger Kadau a happy birthday. Clerk Bragg announced that Mayor Burcroff also has a birthday in the month of May.

11. 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 May 2, 2016. RM051916-0058 2.5 x 15.534