

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 10, 2017

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: 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, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-224 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 3, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Abdo, Makowski. **Motion Carried.**

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report:

Mayor Pro-Tem Barden introduced the newly appointed VFW Post Commander, Mike Santamour.

17-225 4A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a resolution to recognize Mike and Midge Prybyla on their 50th wedding anniversary. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff provided a video of upcoming City events.

17-226 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 16/17-35 for a two-year contractual services agreement for the repair of asphalt on an as-needed basis to the only bidding company, Rey-Mart Asphalt, Inc., with a term to expire on June 30, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-227 5B. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Road Development Agreement with Seefried Development Services, Inc., the Detroit Regional Aerotropolis Development Corporation, the Romulus Tax Increment Financing Authority and Amazon.comDEDIC, LLC subject to minor modifications to the language that may be necessary including substitution of a different Amazon entity as determined by the administration. Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo asked City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, to explain the changes to the final draft of the agreement. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-228 5C. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the improvements of Ecorse Road from Vining Road to Merriman Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-229 5D. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with legal counsel and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into a Construction Management Services Agreement with Seefried Development Services Inc. for the Vining Road and Ecorse Road improvements for the Amazon Construction Project at no cost to the City of Romulus. Discussion: Councilwoman Makowski asked City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, to explain the changes to the final draft. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-230 5E. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an Easement Agreement with DTE Electrical Company to provide easement right-of-way for a portion of Vining Road extension to Ecorse Road subject to final changes by the administration. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-231 5F. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-2 to move donated funds from the Library Audio Visual "Escrow" account into the Library Fund for its dedicated use.

FUND/DEPT.

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDED AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
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LIBRARY FUND

Revenue

271-790-675.000	Library Donations	1,500	1,324	2,824
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Expenditures

271-790-760.005	Books-print/non-print	60,000	1,324	61,324
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To move donated funds from the Library Audio Visual "Escrow" account into the Library Fund for its dedicated use. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

6A. Clerk's Report:

17-232 6A1. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and reject the purchase of the properties included on the Wayne County Treasurer's Right of Refusal to Purchase Tax Foreclosed Property List dated July 5, 2017 subject to receiving an extension for the administration to study the properties. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-233 6A2. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule a study session for Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for a demonstration of new voting equipment with City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg.

6B. Treasurer's Report:

Tax bills have been mailed out; if anyone has a question about their bill, they may call the Treasurer's Office for assistance.

7. Public Comment:

A resident commented on the contract between the court and city for Funding Unit Fees. A resident commented that it is a good deal that the taxpayers do not have to pay for improvements to the roads included in Project Mercury (Amazon).

8. Unfinished Business:

Mayor Burcroff explained that the City of Romulus is the "host community" to the 34th District Court; the court brings a check to the City once a month (funding unit fees) and this check is deposited into the General Fund – the money is accounted for and included in the yearly audit. Councilman Wadsworth inquired about the River Oak property (it is still being investigated) and also the Taft property (it is scheduled for demolition soon).

9. New Business: None.

10. Communication: None.

17-234 11. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to pay Warrant 17-13 in the amount of \$894,979.30.

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 July 10, 2017.