

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 14, 2017

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 1111 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:

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Absent: LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-267 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 7, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner: None

4. Chairperson's Report:

Cable Production Coordinator, Dennis Davidson, introduced Bill Crane, former owner of Crane Funeral Home. On behalf of Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden presented a proclamation to Mr. Crane acknowledging his many years of service to this community. On behalf of City Council, Councilman Wadsworth presented a resolution to Mr. Crane also honoring his years of dedicated service and commitment to the City of Romulus. Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, Jan Lemmon, thanked Mr. Crane on behalf of the Cemetery Board.

17-268 4A. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Frank Kirk Russell. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

5. Mayor's Report:

A resident commented on 5F on the Council Agenda under the Mayor's Report – Lease Agreement and Letter of Understanding for 35255 Goddard Road.

17-269 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Historical Park on August 26, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a back-to-school rally for the community hosted by Daniel Young, Pastor of Freedom Christian Worship Center of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-270 5B. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and adopt the Annual Community Resolution Accepting Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-271 5C. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution in support of the Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services for fiscal year 2018 as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-272 5D. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the agreements for the community credit program and the local transit program between SMART and the City of Romulus for the 2018 fiscal year. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-273 5E. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road between Sterling Street and Shook Road, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017 and ending at 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2017 for the community event following the Romulus Alumni Night at Sounds in Downtown. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-274 5F. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into the Commercial Lease Agreement and Letter of Understanding with Mr. Chuck Nolen (tenant), for the City's firehouse property located at 35255 Goddard Road for future use as a restaurant (CDBG Allocation 16-24-18A). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-275 5G. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor and clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the 2017 Justice Assistant Grant funding program award to the City of Romulus in the amount of \$9,867.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report:

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, thanked everyone who helped with the August Primary Election. She also spoke about the new election equipment and how clerks from surrounding cities (who did not have an August Election) came to Romulus to test out the new voting equipment to help better prepare them for the upcoming November Election.

17-276 6A1. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-4, Construction Fund – Vining Road Extension-Ecourse Construction which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 7, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-277 6A2. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Choate** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-5, Library Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 7, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-278 6A3. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-6, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 7, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-279 6A4. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to schedule a special meeting (open study session) on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, to discuss the City Quarterly Investment Report. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, Romulus City Hall. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report:

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, commented that a new company is being used for credit and debit card payments. All credit cards will now be accepted and payments may also be made over the telephone. Tax bills are due on October 2, 2017.

7. Public Comment:

A resident commented that he and several other residents decided to refrain from turning in signatures for a referendum in regards to Project Mercury (Amazon). The mayor, community development director, and city attorney provided facts that changed their minds about the referendum. Jazmine Danci, Community Outreach Director, gave an overview of upcoming City events.

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. New Business:

Councilman Wadsworth announced that Bingo will be held during the Pumpkin Festival with all proceeds going to the Romulus Animal Shelter.

10. Communication: None.

17-280 11A. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 17-15 in the amount of \$1,125,058.94. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-281 11B. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to pay Warrant 17-15E in the amount of \$15,230.00. **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 August 14, 2017.