

# MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 28, 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, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

**Absent:** John Barden.

**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.**

**17-282 2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 14, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**3. Petitioner:**

Barbara Sanders, Director, "Hand Up", nonprofit organization.

**17-283 3A.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to grant a no-fee permit for the re-occupancy fee and city certification inspection fees to Barbara Sanders, Director of "Hand Up" Nonprofit Organization which is located at 35661 Van Born Road. Discussion: Councilwoman Makowski and Councilman Wadsworth inquired about the funding for "Hand Up". Ms. Sanders informed that she applies for an Initiative Grant on a yearly basis **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**4. Chairperson's Report:**

Chairwoman Pro-Tem Linda Choate asked Mayor LeRoy Burcroff to speak about the Senior Olympics. Mayor Burcroff announced that the City of Romulus took home 12 gold, 10 silver, and 8 bronze medals; and, he asked the medal winners in the audience to please stand up to be recognized for their accomplishments. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**5. Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events. Bond Counsel Attorney, Patrick McGow explained the bonding process for the building of the new 34<sup>th</sup> District Court. Frank Audia, from Plante Moran informed that the court fees will be reviewed several times a year and adjusted on an as-needed basis. Construction of the court should begin about March, 2018.

**17-284 5A.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution to grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to execute the necessary documents to authorize the Notice of Intent for the issuance of the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Capital Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new court facility, together with all necessary parking and site improvements. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**17-285 5A2.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Romulus and the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court for the purpose of pursuing the construction of a new 34<sup>th</sup> District Court facility in the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**17-286 5B.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-03 to the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder, Rey-Mart Asphalt, Inc., for the paving of the right-of-way of the west side of Hunt Street in the Romulus Historical Park, in the amount of \$34,719.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**17-287 5C.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company for an actuarial valuation to determine the City's Retiree Healthcare Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**17-288 5D.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize approval for the fiscal year 2016/2017 encumbrances for capital outlay purchases and various City projects in the amount of \$1,610,020.04 to be rolled over into the FY 2017/2018 budget and paid accordingly. Discussion: Finance Director, Suzanne Moreno explained the roll-over of the funds from 2016/17 to 2017/18 budget. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**5E. For Your Information: No Council action required.**

**17-289 5F.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution to file a petition on the Drain Number One and Number Three crossing the Standon Investments Parcels located on Wahrman Road (south of Eureka Road and north of Pennsylvania Road). As part of that development, a portion of these Drains will be abandoned and the drain rerouted accordingly. Discussion: Councilwoman Makowski reiterated that this is a county project, no cost to the city. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**6A. Clerk's Report:**

**17-290 6A1.** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the free City-wide garage/yard sale dates for Thursday, September 28, 2017 thru Sunday October 1, 2017 with rain dates of Thursday, October 5, 2017 thru Sunday, October 8, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**17-291 6A2.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of James Penn. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**6B. Treasurer's Report:**

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige announced that if anyone is interested in purchasing Veterans Memorial Bricks to call the Treasurer's Office at 734- 942-7580. She also spoke about the City's Quarterly Investment Report – the City earned over \$46,000 in interest this past quarter and all investments are in compliance with Public Act 20 and the City of Romulus Investment Policy.

**7. Public Comment:**

Two residents commented about continual problems with a neighbor residing on River Oak Street. A resident voiced concern about sidewalks and lighting on Ecorse Road due to the proximity of several group homes. Jazmine Danci, Director of Community Services spoke about the Senior Olympics and encouraged anyone over the age of 50 to consider participating next year. Jan Lemmon, Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, commented that the Pig Roast fundraiser was a big success – the volunteers served 140 people. The current cemetery fund balance is \$5,069.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

Councilman Wadsworth spoke about the bingo fundraiser that will be held during the Pumpkin Festival with all proceeds going to the Animal Shelter. Mayor Burcroff commented on the sidewalks and lighting on Ecorse Road. Jadie Settles, Director of Public Safety spoke about the problems on River Oak Street.

**9. New Business: None.**

**10. Communication: None.**

**17- 292 11.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 17-16 in the amount of \$1,368,079.30. **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 August 28, 2017.