

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 9, 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.

Absent: William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-328 2A. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 2, 2017. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe.

Abstain – Makowski. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried.**

3A. Petitioner:

Sonda Stepchuk, Romulus resident, presented a proposal requesting that Council pass an ordinance to prohibit relatives from serving on City Council concurrently. City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, advised that it would take a charter amendment, which requires a vote from the residents, to have the proposal come to fruition.

4. Chairperson's Report:

4. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. Mayor's Report:

Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes, spoke about the Penske Project. Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events. Community Outreach Director, Jazmine Danci, spoke about the Fall Fest and presented a slide show of the activities. Jill, Director from the Boys and Girls Club, brought five children who had attended the Fall Fest to the Council meeting; and, each one of the children introduced themselves and spoke about their favorite activities from the event.

17-329 5A. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-04, for the Ecorse Road and Vining Road construction to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder, Dan's Excavating, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,231,543.17 and subject to a limitation of \$1,271,288.28 of authorized work prior to the sale of the bonds for the project on or about November 6, 2017 with the mutual understanding that in the event that the bonds are not sold, the remaining work on the contract shall be terminated. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-330 5B. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to approve a proposal for professional engineering services with OHM for Construction Phase Engineering Services for Ecorse Road Reconstruction from Vining Road to Merriman Road, and for construction administration services for the Vining Road Extension in an amount not to exceed \$566,300.00 **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-331 5C. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to approve a proposal for professional engineering services with Wade Trim for Vining Road Utility and Road Improvements Construction Phase services associated with the Vining Road Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,057,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-332 5D. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to authorize payment to the Conference of Western Wayne in the amount of \$5,190.00 for membership dues for the CWW 2017-2018 fiscal year membership. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-333 5E. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration to cover the cost to replace six roof-top units at the 34th District Court building. The FY 17/18 Budget includes funding to replace one unit – this is for the additional cost of the other five units.

FUND/DEPT.

ACCOUNT NO.

ACCOUNT NAME

CURRENT

BUDGET

AMENDMENT

AMENDED

BUDGET

General Fund

Fund Balance

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| 101-000-390.000 | Unassigned Fund Balance | 3,182,740.00 | (63,000.00) | 3,119,740.00 |
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Expenditures

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| 101-265-970.000 | Building & Grounds – Capital Outlay | 90,500.00 | 63,000.00 | 153,500.00 |
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To cover the cost to replace six roof-top units at the 34th District Court building. The FY 17/18 Budget includes funding to replace one unit – this is the additional cost of the other five units. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report:

Deputy Clerk, Barb Fitzgerald, announced that the close of registration for the November 7, 2017 Election is Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017.

17-334 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Crout** to schedule a study session on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. with Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes, to discuss the Detroit Regional Aerotropolis (DRA) proposal to revise the Interlocal Agreement between the member communities. The study session will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report: None.

7. Public Comment:

A resident commented about the choice to vote for a husband and wife for elected office. A resident inquired as to how many Romulus residents are currently employed with the Amazon and Penske projects. A resident spoke about how serious the upcoming Election is for the schools and city. A resident spoke about Sudden Death Syndrome – could the mayor do an outreach program with the schools? A resident spoke about how she enjoyed the Fall Fest. She also spoke highly of Dan's Excavating Company. Mr. Martin, from Wade Trim, thanked Council for approving their proposal that was on the agenda this evening.

8. Unfinished Business:

Mayor Burcroff offered to have Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes, meet with the resident who inquired about the Amazon and Penske projects. Councilwoman Abdo addressed comments from a resident who spoke about the importance of the upcoming Election.

9. New Business:

Councilwoman Abdo informed that a resident inquired about the agendas being posted on cable television.

10. Communication:

Councilman Crout commented that he and his wife support the Romulus Community Schools.

17-335 11. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Roscoe** to pay Warrant 17-19 in the amount of 1,018,720.55. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Crout** 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 October 9, 2017.