

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 23, 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 **Wadsworth** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-336 2A. Moved by **Abdo** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 9, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3A. Petitioner: No Action Taken. (City Planner, Carol Maise, gave an overview of the proposed special land use requirements and procedures.)

4. Chairperson's Report:

Debbie Schutt, from the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance, (state-wide non-profit organization) recognized the Romulus Ordinance Department as being the City that is the "most improved" when it comes to finding homes for cats and dogs. A plaque was given to the department along with a check in the amount of \$2,000 to help the Ordinance Department to continue their efforts. Mark Edwards, Coordinator of School Relations, Romulus Community Schools, shared a power-point presentation regarding the upcoming school proposals and the needed repairs of the school buildings.

17-337 4A. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jeannette Woods. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-338 4B. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Josie Hardrick. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

5. Mayor's Report:

Police Captain, Joshua Monte, and Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Krause recognized Freddie King and Ryan Stockton, Jr. for their heroic efforts during the Barrington Apartments fire in September, 2017. The young boys were presented a proclamation from the mayor, Pistons game tickets and new bicycles. Mayor Burcroff announced that the City of Romulus credit rating has been upgraded from an A+ to an AA- and from "adequate" to "strong". Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

17-339 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the amended Aerotropolis Interlocal Agreement. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-340 5B. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-07 to the lowest bidder, Jack Demmer Ford, for the acquisition of a Ford Transit Van for the City of Romulus, Cable Department in the amount of \$23,708.58. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-341 5C. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the language of the bid documents for Bid ITB 17/18-08 allowing for all emergency and non-emergency electrical work to be completed in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

17-342 5D. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-09 for motor oil, solvents, lubricants and anti-freeze for the City of Romulus, DPW to Chapp & Bushey Oil Company at the prices guaranteed in their bid for twelve months from the date of the signing of the contract. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-343 5E. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the purchase of playground equipment for the Romulus Historical Park through CDBG Recreation Facilities funds under the quote submitted by GameTime/Sinclair Recreation, in the amount of \$17,087.15. Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo inquired if the equipment is wood or concrete. It is concrete made to look like wood. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-344 5F. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and approve the amendment to the previously approved contract between George W. Auch Company and the City of Romulus for management services for construction of the new 34th District Court building. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-345 5G. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve the amendment for additional services proposal from Wade Trim, for Professional Design and Permitting Services associated with the Vining Road Project in an amount not to exceed \$39,400.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-346 5H. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement between Omo Farms, Clinton River Wetland Mitigation Bank and the City of Romulus for the purchase of .77 acres of wetland credit for \$84,900.00, contingent on the sale of bonds. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-347 5I. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and approve no-fee permits issued by the City for any permits associated with the renovations of the DDA Building located at 35255 Goddard Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-348 5J. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve a one-year contract extension (contract approved by Resolution #16-162) of the existing service contract for Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance transportation with Beaumont Mobile Health. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-349 5K. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into the Commercial Lease Agreement for Fire Station #3 at 6900 Wayne Road with Beaumont Mobile Health to commence on November 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-350 5L. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointment of Wanda Sanchez to the City of Romulus Officer Compensation Commission with a term to expire on June 24, 2024. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-351 5M. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a four-year professional services agreement with Plante and Moran for auditing and consulting services through completion of the 2021 FYE audit. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-352 5N. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration to increase contractual services to cover MDEQ costs. (Budget Amendment 17/18-11).

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
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Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Expenditures:	243-000-818.000	Contractual Services	-	150	150
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Fund Balance	243-000-390.000	Unassigned Fund Balance	31,162	(150)	31,012
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To increase contractual services to cover MDEQ costs. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-353 5O. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration to increase the project budget to cover associated costs with the Vining Road/Ecorse Road improvements. (Budget Amendment 17/18-12).

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Vining Road Ext – Ecorse Rd Construction

Expenditures:	402-000-980.001	Project Costs	666,000	1,600,000	2,266,000
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Revenues	402-000-674.297	Continuation from Others	666,000	1,600,000	2,266,000
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To increase the project budget to cover associated costs with the Vining Road/Ecorse Road improvements.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-354 5P. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and adopt the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2017B (Limited Tax General Obligation) for the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of the new court facility in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report:

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, announced that the Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and that is the last day an absentee ballot can be mailed to a voter. Monday, November 6th is the last day to obtain an absentee ballot and the ballot must be voted in person at city hall. Two residents spoke about the "Renters Ordinance" which is under 6A6 on the agenda.

17-355 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to introduce an amendment to add to the Romulus Code of Ordinances Chapter 52, Article VI, to Regulate Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) and Similar Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-356 6A2. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to introduce an amendment to City of Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 36, Article V, Entitled Offenses Against Public Peace to add Section 36-171 "Requirements of Property Owners to Prohibit Disorderly Persons from Use or Possession of Property." Discussion: Police Captain Monte gave an overview of the ordinance amendment. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-357 6A3. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Choate** to introduce the addition to the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58, Article II, (a new section) to Prevent Distracted Driving in the City of Romulus. Discussion: Police Captain Monte gave an overview of the ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-358 6A4(a). Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve the following excess city-owned parcels be listed for sale for a period of six months with a local realtor/broker selected by Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes. The listing agreement shall provide that the sale is subject to Council approval:

80 014 03 0174 000: vacant land located on Essex

80 015 99 0033 000: vacant land located on Vinewood

80 041 99 0005 701: vacant land located on Smith

80 042 01 0032 000 & 80 042 01 0033 000: vacant land located on Colbert

80 077 05 0051 000 & 80 077 05 0053 000: vacant land located at Goddard & Grover

80 077 28 0012 000: vacant land located on Whitehorn.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-359 6A4(b). Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve that the excess city-owned parcels listed below be let out for bid to be sold as a single bid/package with the intent that the parcels be grouped together with adjacent parcels to create large scale development. These parcels are not able to be assembled into a large scale development parcel except by someone who owns a significant number of adjoining parcels. Individual bids for individual parcels will not be considered.

80 044 01 0744 303 80 044 01 1269 000

80 044 01 0762 300 80 044 01 1304 000

80 044 01 0812 300 80 044 01 1329 002

80 044 01 0826 000 80 044 01 1336 300

80 044 01 0853 000 80 044 01 1354 300

80 044 01 0898 002 80 044 01 1397 300

80 044 01 0936 000 80 044 02 1757 000

80 044 01 1217 300 80 044 99 0004 000

80 044 01 1260 300

Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-360 6A4(c). Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve that the following unbuildable excess city-owned parcels be offered to the adjacent property owners:

80 131 01 0099 300: vacant land located on Edmund

80 131 01 0193 301: vacant land located on California

80 131 01 0261 300: vacant land located on California

Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-361 6A5. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-10, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of October 9, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-362 6A6. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to introduce an amendment to the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances, Article VII to add Sections 8-238 to 8-249 to Provide for Registration of Rental Properties in the City of Romulus. Discussion: Councilwoman Makowski commented that she would like to consider the feedback received from residents. Councilman Wadsworth suggested that the registration period be changed to five years and Councilwoman Abdo agreed with that suggestion. Councilwoman Choate asked if the \$100 fee is per home; and the answer is yes it is per home. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report:

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that the winter tax bills will be mailed to property owners on December 1, 2017. She gave a review of the various ways that the Treasurer's Office is able to receive tax payments which includes paying in person, drop box in front of city hall, by phone with a credit card, city website and kiosks with the closest kiosk location at the Rite Aid Store on Telegraph Road in Taylor. Partial payments can also be accepted. Any questions contact the Treasurer's Office.

7. Public Comment:

A resident encouraged everyone to vote. Jan Lemmon, Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees spoke about the brave young men who alerted residents during the Barrington Apartments fire.

8. Unfinished Business:

Councilman Wadsworth commented on a bridge being repaired in Huron Township. Councilwoman Abdo spoke about fraudulent calls being made from 517- 484-1427, regarding the Election. Mayor Burcroff spoke about how elected officials donated a portion of their salaries back to the City during hard financial times; however, the donors did not announce their generosity to the public.

9. New Business: None.

10. Communication: None.

17-363 11. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 17-20 in the amount of 4,744,238.85. **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 October 23, 2017.