

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 27, 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, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, , Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Excused: Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Talley, seconded by Roscoe to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-411 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 13, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - Williams. Motion Carried.**

3. Petitioner: None

4. Chairperson's Report:

Mayor Pro Tem Barden thanked the Romulus House, National Honor Society, Fire Department and Elected Officials for their participation in the free Thanksgiving dinner to benefit Goodfellows.

Chairperson Barden commented on the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

17-412 4A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Irene Bisek. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff thanked everyone involved in the Tree Lighting Ceremony and presented a video of upcoming City events.

17-413 5A. Moved by Webb, seconded by Talley to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the personal service contract with Cary Thompson, a Grant Writer Consultant.

Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth inquired if the grant writing consultant was limited to the Fire department. Councilwoman Abdo asked about utilizing the grant writer for other departments. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-414 5B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to concur with the administration and authorize renewal of the Michigan Municipal League membership dues for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$7,152.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-415 5C. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-11 to the only bidder, Associated Newspapers of Michigan, for the printing and publication of official notices and to establish the City's official newspaper for 2018 at the per column inch pricing of \$4.75. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-416 5D. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Talley to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-13 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, Frank's Landscaping & Supply, LLC in the amount of \$12,775.00 for snow removal and ice management for the 2017/2018 season for the Romulus Athletic Center. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-417 5E. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Webb to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a four (4) year retainer agreement with Stephen Hitchcock of the law firm of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton P.C. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - Williams. Motion Carried.**

6A. Clerk's Report

17-418 6A1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Talley to schedule a study session for Monday, December 4, 2017 from 6:15 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. with Stacy Paige, City Treasurer to discuss the City of Romulus Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-419 6A2. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Webb to schedule two public hearings with DDA Director/CDBG Coordinator, Maria Lambert to receive comments from the public on the 2018/2019 CDBG proposed projects. The first public hearing for Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and the second public hearing for Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo requested that the public hearings be televised. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-420 6A3. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Williams to re-appoint Reverend Edward J. Thomas to the Board of Review with his term to commence January 1, 2018 and expire December 31, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-421 6A4. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to schedule a one-hour study session for Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with Abbie Akins to discuss Water and Sewer Ordinance updates. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report: None.

7. Public Comment

David Willett, President of Associated Newspapers, thanked council for awarding the bid contract.

Gina Steward, President of the Western Wayne County NAACP, congratulated the newly elected officials and gave an update on the NAACP's 2017 accomplishments and their objectives for 2018. Ms. Steward also requested information regarding the unemployment and crime rates in the city of Romulus and inquired if item 5E on the agenda went out for bid.

8. Unfinished Business:

Mayor Burcroff responded to the inquiry under Public Comment for information of the city's unemployment and crime rates and agenda item 5E.

9. New business:

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Talley commented on the Red Ribbon Week student luncheon sponsored by the Romulus Drug Task Force.

17-422 11. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Wadsworth to pay Warrant 17-22 in the amount of \$906,245.75.

Discussion: Councilwoman Williams inquired where to find information regarding items listed on the warrant. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - Williams. Motion Carried.**

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 November 27, 2017.