

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 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
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-441 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 11, 2017. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-442 2B. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the special meeting minutes of the Romulus City Council held on December 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m. Proposed Changes to Noxious Weed Ordinance; 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing CDBG Proposed Projects 2018/2019. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. **Petitioner:** None.

4. Chairperson's Report:

17-443 4A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to approve a no-fee permit for the Martin Luther King Day Celebration/Walk on Monday, January 15, 2108 from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 9:00 a.m. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-444 4B. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to approve the closure of both north and south-bound Wayne Road from Wick Road to Michelle Street on Monday, January 15, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. for the annual Martin Luther King Celebration/Walk. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-445 4C. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Nancy Lee Moore. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-446 4D. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Earl Michling. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-447 4E. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Gail Fraley. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. Mayor's Report:

17-448 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and approve the final pay estimate number 8 for the Wick Road Phase I GLWA 48" Water Main installation project in the amount of \$193,264.78, which is 100 percent reimbursable by the Great Lakes Water Authority. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-449 5B. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and adopt the City of Romulus Poverty Exemption for 2018 to be used by the Board of Review to approve or deny poverty exemptions. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-450 5C. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Clinical Site Agreement between the City of Romulus Fire Dept. and Emergency Medical Training Center (EMTC) which will allow emergency medical technician students from EMTC to shadow with the Romulus Fire Dept. as part of the State-required clinical contact hours for the EMT program. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-451 5D. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and award ITB 17/18-08 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, Great Lakes Power and Lighting, for emergency, "on-call" and "as-needed" electric services for the City of Romulus Department of Public Works at the hourly rates and material and equipment pricing submitted along with their bid for a three-year term to end December 31, 2020. Discussion: Councilwoman Webb asked for clarification that the bid is for City grounds and buildings. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-452 5E. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and waive the bidding requirement of the Purchasing Ordinance and authorize the purchase of a 26' Step Van for the City of Romulus Water Department at a discounted rate through the State of Michigan MiDeal from Cannon Truck Equipment in the amount of \$158,000.

Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth asked for clarification that if no bids are received then the City can use state bids. Councilwoman Webb expressed concerns regarding waiving the bidding process; Mayor Burcroff explained that although it doesn't happen often, it may be necessary to waive the bidding process again in the future depending on the circumstances. Councilwoman Abdo reiterated that there were no bids; thus, allowing the City to use state bids. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report:

17-453 6A1. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-17, Ecorse and Vining Road Construction, which was introduced at the Council meeting of Dec. 11, 2017. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-454 6A2. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of Amended Ordinance Chapter 62, Water and Sewer, which was introduced at the Council meeting of Dec. 11, 2017. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Nays – Williams. **Motion Carried.**

17-455 6A3. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Amended Ordinance Chapter 34, Article III, Sections 34-48 through 34-52, Noxious Weeds, which was introduced at the Council meeting of Dec. 11, 2017. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-456 6A4. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to schedule a study session (open meeting) to view a presentation by DivDat Kiosk Network on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-457 6A5. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to schedule a study session (open meeting) to present the June 30, 2017 Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report: None.

6C. Officers Compensation Commission Report:

Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Abdo** to reject the recommendation of the Officers Compensation Commission. After discussion and no roll call vote, the maker of the motion rescinded the original motion.

17-458 6C1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session (open meeting) with the Officers Compensation Commission on Monday, Jan. 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

7. Public Comment:

City Cable and Media Relations Liaison and Rotary member, Dennis Davidson, announced that the Rotary New Year's Eve party has been cancelled. Director of Building and Safety, Bob McCraight, thanked everyone who helped with the Wreaths Across America project. He also announced the upcoming blanket drive to benefit homeless veterans. A resident commented on the Democratic Club.

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. New business: None.

10. Communication: None.

17-459 11. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to pay Warrant 17-24 in the amount of \$3,577,590.98.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **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 December 27, 2017.