

# MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 26, 2018

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Pro-Tem Tina Talley.

## Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

**Excused:** John Barden, William Wadsworth.

## Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

1. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-427 2A.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 10, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-428 2B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 10, 2018 – closed session, pending litigation and open session, Great Lakes Water Authority Wick Road Water Main Project. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 3. Petitioner

### 4. Chairperson's Report

Councilwoman Talley filled in for Mayor Pro-Tem Barden. She spoke about the Wreaths Across America Team.

**18-429 4A.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to adopt a resolution to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Danny and Bonnie Hood. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

## 5. Mayor's Report

**18-430 5A.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a three-year "participation agreement" authorizing the City to benefit from the terms of Oakland County Contract Number 005489 with Office Depot's America Saves program dated September 24, 2018 – contract to end September 30, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-431 5B.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the purchase of 16 tasers along with 16 holsters and associated software and hardware from the sole-source distributor of all taser products, Axon Enterprise, (a.k.a. Taser International) under the terms of Axon's "Taser 60 Bundling Program" at the reduced cost of \$30,896.00.

Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked why so much money is paid up front? Captain Monte replied due to the cost savings of \$3,000 **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**18-432 C.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize a proposal from WH Canon for holiday lighting along the Merriman Road corridor (from I-94 to Leonardo's) with the price not to exceed \$6,655.00.

Discussion: Councilwoman Webb expressed her respect that the Economic Development Department brought this proposal before Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-433 5D.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** 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 Rapid Response to commence on January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Councilwoman Roscoe asked if this contract is similar to the previous contract (if City has option to get out of it – answer is yes.) Councilwoman Abdo asked why the City will no longer use Health Link. Fire Chief Krause explained there was a performance issue. She also asked if Rapid Response is tied to any specific hospital – Chief Krause replied no and explained the procedure that is in place for choosing a hospital. Councilwoman Williams asked about a specific amount that can be charged, Chief Krause said the amount she is referring to is actually the difference between the cost of the contract with Health Link and the new contract with Rapid Response. Councilwoman Webb commented she is glad it is on the tax rolls **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-434 5E.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the City to waive the bidding process and authorize permission to utilize Phoenix Safety Outfitters (the City's current turnout gear vendor – RFP 14/15-21) for the purchase of duty uniforms for the Fire Department staff for the duration of the 2018/2019 budget year. Councilwoman Abdo commented on why she supports this request. Councilwoman Webb commented that interviews were conducted. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-435 5F.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and extend Bid ITB 17/18-34 to Cadillac Asphalt for an additional twelve months (through February 26, 2020). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-436 5G.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-19 to increase the Building Department's overtime account as needed due to the expanded workload caused by rental inspections. Councilwoman Williams: How much overtime is involved with inspections? Building Director Bob McCraight replied that it depends on how many inspection are done – inspections are conducted during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – overtime is for the paperwork, etc.

## FUND/DEPT.

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
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### General Fund

#### Expense

101-371-710.000	Building Department Overtime	20,000	5,000	25,000
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#### Revenue

101-371-477.004	Bldg. Dept. Rental Inspections	3,000	5,000	8,000
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To increase the Building Department's overtime account as needed due to the expanded workload caused by rental inspections. \*\*Note: This has no effect on the fund balance. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 6A. Clerk's Report

**18-437 6A1 (a).** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of LaJoel Wasson. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-438 6A1 (b).** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve a no-fee permit for the Martin Luther King Day Celebration/Walk on Monday, January 21, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 9:00 a.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-439 6A1 (c).** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the closure of north and south-bound Wayne Road from Wick Road to Michelle Street on Monday, January 21, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for the annual Martin Luther King Celebration/Walk. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-440 6A1.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-17, Consult Development, TIFA which was introduced at the Council meeting of December 10, 2018, **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-441 6A2.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-18, Maintenance Contracts, TIFA which was introduced at the Council meeting of December 10, 2018. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Webb. Nays – Williams. **Motion Carried.**

**18-442 6A3.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session with Police Captain Monte for January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a grant with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission and Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 6B. Treasurer's Report

### 7. Public Comment

A resident asked if Realty Transitions is connected in any way to True Transitions.

### 8. Unfinished Business

Mayor Burcroff said Realty Transitions and True Transitions are separate companies; however, he will check further to be absolutely sure.

### 9. New Business

### 10. Communication

Councilwoman Abdo announced there will be a Drug Task Force Bowling fundraiser on Jan. 12, 2019. Councilwoman Webb asked is there is a weight limit for trucks traveling on Wayne Road. Mayor Burcroff responded that Wayne Road is a county road and a Class A road.

**18-443 11.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to pay Warrant 18-24 in the amount of \$712,514.81. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**12.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** 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 December 26, 2018.