

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 25, 2019

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: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Excused: William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

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

19-042 2A. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 11, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-043 2B. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 11, 2019 – closed session, attorney opinion; and open session, City Quarterly Investment Report. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Talley. **Motion Carried.**

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report

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

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burcroff read and presented a proclamation to recognize Dave and Judy Rakotz on their 50th anniversary of conducting business as Dave's Barber Shop in the City of Romulus. Councilwoman Abdo read a resolution on behalf of City Council congratulating Dave and Judy Rakotz and to also recognize their many contributions to this community. Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

19-044 5A1. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the purchase of the V-Viper 911 system (including all related hardware and software) and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into both the five year software support/maintenance contract and the four year equipment maintenance contract for the PSAP from the sole source provider AT&T/West at an initial cost of \$141,631. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-045 5A2. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the extension of contracts for the software maintenance/support contract and for the equipment maintenance contract, following their initial contract terms, until such time that the equipment is replaced. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-046 5B. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a contract for services not to exceed \$57,799.23 with Quandel Consultants for evaluation of the existing conditions and make recommendations regarding possible solutions as specified in RFP 18/19-18 for the CSX railroad crossings shared by the City of Romulus and Huron Township. Councilwoman Abdo asked if the City will be reimbursed and Mayor Burcroff said yes – by SEMCOG. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-047 5C. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a contract for the 2019 pavement marking program with P.K. Contracting, Inc. for pavement marking services with the same terms and conditions and pricing of the previous bid to R.S. Contracting (acquired by P. K. Contracting). Terms of the contract to expire on September 30, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-048 5D. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize a one-year extension of Bid ITB 15/16-18, contractual services agreement with Environmental Testing & Consulting for the pricing and terms of the original contract for hazardous materials testing of residential, commercial, and industrial properties to be demolished. Terms of the contract extension will be through May 15, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-049 5E. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and amend the current contract with George W. Auch Company, the City's Construction Manager for the court project, by an additional \$499,798 for all of the sub-contracted trade work. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-050 5F. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-22 to pay the Detroit Regional Aerotropolis annual dues at the beginning of the calendar year.

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
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Tax Increment Financing Authority

Expense

297-728-807.000	Membership & Dues	25,000	25,000	50,000
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Fund Balance

297-000-390.000	Fund Balance	1,015,235	(25,000)	990,235
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To pay the Detroit Regional Aerotropolis annual dues at the beginning of the calendar year. (This is an adjustment to the timing of the annual payment.)

Mayor Burcroff brought up the news regarding a neighboring community who the City of Romulus shares a common vendor for rehabilitation of homes – and he asked City Attorney Steve Hitchcock to speak about the matter. Mr. Hitchcock said that he and HR Director, Kevin Losen, will be reviewing the contract with Realty Transitions; and, at this point he does not see any issues with the contract. He also mentioned that campaign contributions are fine as long as they are in accordance with the State Campaign Finance laws. He informed that there is currently no work scheduled with Realty Transitions for 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report

19-051 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-21, Court Debt Service Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of February 11, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-052 6A2. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to schedule a study session for Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the State of the Library Address by City Librarian Patty Braden. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, informed that the last day to pay 2018 taxes at city hall is Thursday, February 28, 2019. Starting March 1st the 2018 taxes will have to be paid at Wayne County.

7. Public Comment

A resident spoke about the kindness she was shown by Dave and Judy Rakotz many years ago when her father was ill. She also complimented the roads crew from the City DPW Department for the great job they did keeping the roads plowed during the recent snow and ice storms. Oscar D. Arbulu, Legislative Case Worker, from Congresswoman Tlaib's office gave an update of what the congresswoman is working on at the current time and encouraged anyone who has a question or concern to contact him at 313-938-2340. Freman Hendrix advised that he represents the citizens of Romulus on the Great Lakes Water Authority Board and the Regional Transit Authority Board.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

Councilwoman Williams informed of a program the City of Detroit has regarding properties for first-time homebuyers. Mayor Burcroff said his intent is to get families in homes and would be open to any information presented to him.

10. Communication

Councilwoman Talley spoke about the success of the soul food dinner.

19-053 10A. Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Cynthia Cole. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-054 11. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 19-04 in the amount of \$1,982,524.79. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** 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 February 25, 2019.