

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 25, 2019

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 1111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

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

19-076 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 11, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-077 2B. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 11, 2019, 6:30 pm, Zoning Ordinance Amendments. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report

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

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burcroff narrated a power point presentation regarding current and retiree health care coverage costs. Eight people from the audience (which included current employees and retirees) spoke about the health care costs and court finances. Mayor Burcroff commented about an accusation that was made from a court employee that the city spent the court's money.

19-078 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the annual payment to the Senior Alliance until such time the City no longer wishes to participate or budget for this expenditure in the Senior Alliance Account. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-079 5B. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointments of Lucinda Rhoton, Mark Lewkowicz, Gerald Wendland, Terrell Bird, Virgil Varner, William Crane and Sheldon Chandler to the Historical Commission with terms to expire on December 29, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-080 5C. Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Roscoe** to deny the no action request on State Law P.A. 152 but to allow City Council to take action to opt out of State Law P.A.152. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. Nays – Abdo, Barden, Talley. Motion Failed.**

5D. No Action Taken.

19-081 5E. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to not adopt a resolution to modify the pre-65 retiree health care and prescription drug coverage. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. Nays – Barden, Talley. Motion Carried.**

5F. No Action Taken, withdrawn by Mayor.

5G. No Action Taken, withdrawn by Mayor.

6A. Clerk's Report

19-082 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of a Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 6, Central Business District, Section 6.02; and Article 7, Business District, Section 7.02 of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance which was introduced at the Council meeting of March 11, 2019, **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-083 6A2. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve first reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment TA-2018-001; Section 7.05, Vining Road Subarea Overlay District. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays – Williams. Motion Carried.**

19-084 6A3. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to cancel the study session to discuss the overlay district that is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment

A resident spoke about the gasoline tax.

A retiree suggested that the City reach out to other communities to see how they are handling retiree health costs.

A resident said the problem regarding the high cost of health care needs to be solved.

Two City employees and one court employee spoke about the cost of health care.

A resident spoke about the health care coverage.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

Councilwoman Williams asked the mayor to investigate the accusation that was made regarding the City spending court money.

10. Communication

19-085 11. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 19-06 in the amount of \$1,934,512.13. **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 March 25, 2019.