

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 13, 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, 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 **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**19-132 2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 06, 2019. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Barden. **Motion Carried.**

**19-133 2B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council, Public Hearing, 2019-2020 City Budget, held on May 06, 2019. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Barden. **Motion Carried.**

**3. Petitioner**

**4. Chairperson's Report**

Mayor Pro-Tem Barden thanked Councilwoman Talley for filling in for him at the last Council meeting. Councilman Wadsworth announced that the Bowl-A-Thon raised \$2,601 for the Romulus Animal Shelter - and to date \$315,000 has been raised for the shelter. He thanked all those who participated in the event. Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, Jan Lemmon, presented Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes, a plaque recognizing him as an honorary member of the Cemetery Board of Trustees to commence on July 1, 2019 (after Mr. Keyes' retirement).

**19-134 4A.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the proposed settlement of the matter discussed in closed session held earlier this evening with the city attorney. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried.**

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

**5. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events. Fire Department Director, Kevin Krause, announced the opening of Fire Station 2 on May 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

**19-135 5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy authorization for the City of Romulus and 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as submitted by Mayor Burcroff.

Discussion: A resident commented on the City Library Budget.

**CITY OF ROMULUS**

**GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 and millage rates to support this budget.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:**

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COUNCIL	95,990
MAYOR	689,170
CLERK	676,430
FINANCIAL SERVICES	10,886,810
TREASURER	423,840
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,343,200
PUBLIC SERVICES	2,631,740
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	330,340
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL	740,770
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,818,290
REVENUES	
PROPERTY TAXES	8,032,500
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	205,000
FEDERAL GRANTS 7 REVENUES	-
STATE GRANTS & REVENUES	4,194,170
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	515,040
FINES & FORFEITS	1,300,000
INTEREST & RENTS	548,000
OTHER REVENUES	1,550,250
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS	63,880
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,282,200
TOTAL REVENUES	17,691,040
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	127,250
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	17,818,290

SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	1,654,950
TRANSFER TO BEVERLY ROAD	-
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	700,000
TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND	205,530
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	2,560,480
REVENUES	2,354,100
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	206,380
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,560,480

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES	1,710,190
REVENUES	1,450,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	260,190
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,710,190

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	12,849,280
REVENUES	12,849,280

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER	2,333,620
REVENUES	2,287,750
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	45,870
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,333,620

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CEMETERY FUND	7,860
REVENUES	100
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	7,760
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	7,860

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION	332,320
REVENUES	366,600

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	145,440
REVENUES	100,720
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	44,720
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	145,440

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING	553,730
REVENUES	564,230

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	44,690
REVENUES	21,610
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	23,080
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	44,690

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND	4,250
REVENUES	50
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	4,200
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	4,250

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION	1,221,200
REVENUES	1,261,700

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS	476,770
REVENUES	476,770

SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE	149,530
REVENUES	96,630
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	52,900
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	149,530

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

9 1 1 FUND	136,770
REVENUES	151,560

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	26,160
REVENUES	1,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	25,160
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	26,160

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	120,860
REVENUES	54,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	66,860
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	120,860

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	726,840
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SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Special Assessment - Beverly Road Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - BEVERLY ROAD	90,700
REVENUES	76,770
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	13,930
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	90,700

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017B Court Building Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	1,042,320
REVENUES	1,515,000

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017A Ecorse/Vining Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	444,980
REVENUES	3,380,500

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	205,530
REVENUES	205,530

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT SERVICE	512,500
REVENUES	90,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	422,500
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	512,500

SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

WATER DEBT SERVICE	-
REVENUES	20,500

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Court Building Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COURT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	-
REVENUES	11,000

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Ecorse Construction & Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION	440,000
REVENUES	1,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	439,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	440,000

SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION	160,750
REVENUES	2,500
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	158,250
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	160,750

SECTION 29. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	17,584,470
REVENUES	17,178,590
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	405,880
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	17,584,470

SECTION 30. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	1,960,740
REVENUES	1,076,620
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	884,120
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,960,740

SECTION 31. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	822,560
REVENUES	786,490
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	36,070
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	822,560

SECTION 32. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	601,590
REVENUES	602,730

SECTION 33. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	2,844,270
REVENUES	2,989,350

SECTION 34. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	3,750
REVENUES	10,060

SECTION 35. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY -	438,910
REVENUES	507,690

SECTION 36. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II -	6,330,030
REVENUES	7,594,100

SECTION 37. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	4,726,690
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SECTION 38. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for

such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 39. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063
P.A. 359 MILLAGE	0.0469
FIRE & POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500
EPA LEVY MILLAGE	0.7934

SECTION 40. Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

**CITY OF ROMULUS**

**GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:**

That for the expenditures of the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, the following amount is hereby appropriated:

**OPERATING EXPENDITURES \$4,237,626**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb.

Nays – Williams.

Motion Carried.

**19-136 5B.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into Letters of Understanding/Agreement between the City of Romulus and the Romulus Command Officers Association and the Police Officers Labor Council of Michigan (POLC), the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) and the Romulus Firefighters, Local 4126 of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) to offer Simply Blue Health Care Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**19-137 5C.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and extend Bid 04/05-26 for the Merriman Road 2019 Maintenance Season in the amount of \$45,500 for one year with WH Canon as well as for the installation of the 2019 Holiday Lighting in the amount of \$6,655.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**19-138 5D.** Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the proposal from O. R. Colan Associates to perform turnkey right-of-way acquisition services for the potential reconfiguration of the Wayne/Ecorse intersection for a cost not to exceed \$36,840. Discussion: Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes, explained the reconfiguration of the Wayne/Ecorse intersection. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**19-139 5E (1).** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution to accept Vining Road, Smith Road to Ecorse, as public right-of-way from the listed parcels: 80-033-99-0001-701, 80-033-99-0003-701, 80-033-99-0006-702, 80-038-99-0003-701, & 80-038-99-0004-704. (Complete resolution on file in the City Clerk's office). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**19-140 5E (2).** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution to certify Vining Road as a public road in MDOT ACT 51 accounting in order to collect ACT 51 funds. (Complete resolution on file in the City Clerk's office). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**19-141 5F.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-25 to recognize the insurance company's reimbursement and the repair cost for a damaged light pole.

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>Merriman Rd. Special Assessment District (S.A.D.)</b>					
<b>Expense</b>					
218-000-936.001	Merriman Rd S.A.D. Main. Exp.		65,000	5,500	70,500
<b>Revenue</b>					
218-000-682.000	Merriman Rd S.A.D. Reimbursement		-	5,500	5,500

To recognize the insurance company's reimbursement and the repair cost for a damaged light pole. Note: This has no effect on fund balance. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**19-142 5G.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution to authorize the Mayor or Human Resources Director to sign required agreements with MERS - approved by City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Clerk's Report**

**19-143 6A1.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve introduction/first reading of an amendment to the City Controlled Substance Ordinance. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried.**

**19-144 6A2.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to schedule a