

# MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 23, 2018

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 amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-135 2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 9, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-136 2B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 9, 2018 – open session, Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority Definitive Transfer Agreement and 2018/2019 City Budget. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**3. Petitioner: None.**

## 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 presented a video of upcoming City events.

**18-137 5A (1).** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-21 to the low bidder, D.V.M. Utilities, Inc., for water main improvements located along Middlebelt Road for the City of Romulus Department of Public Works in the amount of \$528,216.75. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-138 5A (2).** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize a ten percent (10%) (\$52,822) contingency to allow for written change orders in the event that unforeseen work not currently included in the scope of the work of the contract is identified. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-139 5B.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to authorize payment for the Senior Alliance 2018 Fiscal Year match for 2017 statistics in the amount of \$1,838.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-140 5C.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution authorizing the City's representative to vote in favor of the purchase of the Downriver Sanitary Treatment system. The vote would be in favor of the acquisition of the system to control the City's destiny with rates and costs of the City's waste discharge for that district. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-141 5D.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and reinstate the Citizens Advisory Council and reappoint Eva Webb and Sharon Walker; and, appoint Jodie Kain, Wayne Laginess, Gerald Wendland, and Heather Mahon to the DDA Plan Downtown Citizens Advisory Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-142 5E.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and authorize the City to waive the requirements of the Romulus Code of Ordinances (Section 39 and 6) regarding soliciting bids and publishing the invitation to bid in the City's official newspaper and authorize the emergency repair/replacement of the Pool South Air Handler Unit at the Romulus Athletic Center by the current HVAC service contractor, Campbell, Inc. in the amount of \$61,120.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 6A. Clerk's Report:

**18-143 6A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Warren Bonam. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-144 6A1.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-31, Technology Services Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of April 9, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-145 6A2.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to schedule a joint study session with City Council and the Planning Commission on May 14, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss Vining Road Development District Economic Strategic Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-144 6A1.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-31, Technology Services Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of April 9, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-145 6A2.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to schedule a joint study session with City Council and the Planning Commission on May 14, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss Vining Road Development District Economic Strategic Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**18-146 6A3.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of District Court Judge Tina Brooks-Green to appoint Attorney Lisa Robinson-Martin as a magistrate for the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court effective immediately. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 6B. Treasurer's Report: None.

## 7. Public Comment:

A resident spoke about trains being parked on the Wick Road railroad crossing for extended periods of time on a daily basis. A resident who resides at Birch Run spoke about the illegal dumping of trash on nearby City property. Helen Gregory, from Romulus Civic League, spoke about the League's Sixth Annual 1k/2k Fitness Walk that will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 beginning with a warm-up at 9:30 a.m. and the walk to begin at 10:00 a.m. A resident thanked City of Romulus Senior Services Director, Rose Swidan, for providing soup to the seniors during the recent power outage.

## 8. Unfinished Business:

Councilman Wadsworth thanked everyone who participated in the Pucks for Pets Animal Shelter fundraiser; and, thanked Chief of Police, Jadie Settles, for all his efforts in making the event a great success. Mayor Burcroff informed that he is currently working with Huron Township Supervisor Glaab to devise a long-term solve to the train problem that motorists are experiencing in both communities. Mayor Burcroff commented that he will check on the illegal dumping that is occurring at Birch Run; and, he also thanked Senior Services Director, Rose Swidan, for all her efforts to senior citizens during the recent power outage.

## 9. New Business: None.

## 10. Communication:

Councilman Wadsworth spoke about the May 11<sup>th</sup> Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser with proceeds to go to the Romulus Animal Shelter.

**18-147 11.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-08 in the amount of \$1,670,696.96. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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 April 23, 2018. RM0299 - 051018 2.5 x 11.055