

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 4, 2018

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 1111 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
Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

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

18-303 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 27, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-304 2B. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 27, 2018 – City Quarterly Investment Report and Midwest Recycling. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report

Councilman Wadsworth gave a reminder to motorists that school is open so please slow down.

18-305 4A. Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ella Coleman. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-306 4B. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of John "Roy" Smathers. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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.

18-307 5A. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and extend RFP 12/13-36 contract for the licensing and maintenance of the Hyland OnBase modules currently being utilized throughout the City from Applied Imaging at a cost of \$11,936.31 and for any professional services needed from Applied Imaging at the contracted hourly rate.

Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked if this will help with processing the Council packets, and Technology Director, Steve Dudek, explained there is a separate solution that is in progress for improving on that process.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-308 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Pass Through Agreement between the City of Romulus and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), for a feasibility study of a grade separation at Pennsylvania Road and CSX Crossing (west of I-275). The City of Romulus will be responsible for a local share of \$9,075.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-309 5C. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to adopt a resolution to approve a Mass Mutual 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for City employees.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-310 6A1. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Talley** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-04, Library Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 27, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-311 6A2. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-05, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 27, 2018.

Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked if the court is responsible to pay a portion, answer yes **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-312 6A3. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-06, Court Building Construction Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 27, 2018 **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-313 6A4. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-07, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 27, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-314 6A5. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-08, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 27, 2018.

Councilwoman Williams informed that she would like to know what kind of equipment and the process used for the improvements at Boice Parkway. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried.**

18-315 6A6. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session on September 24, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. to discuss a new City Ordinance regarding free-standing basketball hoops and poles. The study session will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, gave a reminder that the RAC is closed this week – it will re-open Saturday, September 8, 2018. She also spoke about the curbside drop boxes in front of city hall – they have been taken down temporarily due to the construction in the parking lot; however, the drop box in the front entrance is available any time and it is checked every morning at 8:00 a.m.

7. Public Comment

A resident spoke about the poor conditions at Barth School. He and some of his friends and neighbors worked to clean up the area and attend to the grass and weeds; he is asking the City to get involved to help the schools. A resident inquired about the 300 foot rule in regards to variances.

8. Unfinished Business

Mayor Burcroff informed that the City is always willing to help the schools.

9. New Business

10. Communication

Councilwoman Talley spoke about "Internet Essentials" which provides low-cost WI-FI for those who qualify.

11. 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 September 4, 2018.