

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 26, 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

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

18-400 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 13, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-401 2B. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 13, 2018 – Open Session, City Quarterly Investment Report. **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 presented a video of upcoming City events.

18-402 5A. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution for the City of Romulus Poverty Exemption for 2019 to be used by the Board of Review to approve or deny poverty exemptions.

Discussion: City Assessor, Julie Albert, gave an overview of Federal Government approved guidelines the State of Michigan recommends for poverty exemptions. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-403 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for improvements to Fernandez Park located on Avalon Street, to update the walking path that surrounds the park, purchase a new swing set, planters, and a message board for upcoming events in the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-404 5C. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize renewal of the Michigan Municipal League membership dues until such time the City no longer wishes to participate or budget for this expenditure. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-405 5D. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-12 to allocate funding for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five (5) additional Firefighter positions.

FUND/DEPT.

ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT AMENDED BUDGET

General Fund

Assigned Fund Balance

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
101-000-393.001	SAFER Grant	47,800	(10,000)	37,800

Expense

101-270-828.000	Employee Processing	17,500	10,000	27,500
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To allocate funding for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five additional firefighter positions. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-406 5E. Moved by **Roscoe** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-13 to recognize federal funding and allocate additional funds for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five (5) additional Firefighter positions in accordance with the "Period Performance" for the grant beginning February 23, 2019.

FUND/DEPT.

ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT AMENDED BUDGET

General Fund

Assigned Fund Balance

101-000-393.001	SAFER Grant	37,800	(37,800)	-
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Revenue (Fire)

101-336-501.094	Federal Grant – SAFER	-	113,300	113,300
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Expense (Fire)

101-336-702.002	SAFER Salaries	-	75,640	75,640
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101-336-706.000	Comp Abs	54,550	8,370	62,920
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101-336-710.000	Overtime	158,380	6,275	164,655
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101-336-715.000	Social Security	94,250	5,590	99,840
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101-336-715.001	Medicare	22,040	1,310	23,350
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101-336-716.001	Defined Benefit	16,910	3,040	19,950
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101-336-717.100	Retiree Health Savings	5,890	740	6,630
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101-336-718.000	Health Insurance	391,160	39,875	431,035
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101-336-719.000	Dental Insurance	17,050	2,315	19,365
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101-336-720.000	Life Insurance	1,570	170	1,740
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101-336-721.000	LTD Insurance	4,490	340	4,830
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101-336-722.000	Worker's Comp	48,340	2,880	51,220
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101-336-723.000	Empl Assistance	550	55	605
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101-336-957.005	SAFER Training	-	4,500	4,500
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To recognize federal funding and allocate additional funds for costs associated with acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five additional firefighter positions in accordance with the "Period Performance" for the grant beginning 02/23/2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-407 5F. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-16 to cover the purchase of a police vehicle that was not encumbered from the 17/18 approved budget.

FUND/DEPT.

ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT AMENDED BUDGET

Federal Forfeiture Fund

Expense

267-301-970.000	Capital Outlay	-	30,867	30,867
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Fund Balance

267-000-390.000	Fund Balance	119,157	(30,867)	88,290
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To cover the purchase of a police vehicle that was not encumbered from the 17/18 approved budget. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report

18-408 6A1. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the Executive Advisory Committee and City Assessor, Julie Albert, to re-appoint Shirley Lamberson and Debra Hoffman to the Board of Review with their terms to commence on January 1, 2019 and expire on December 31, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment

A resident spoke about water on his property. Two citizens spoke about an eviction.

8. Unfinished Business

Mayor Burcroff spoke about a home that the City purchased at fair market value. Councilwoman Williams asked if the City could get a copy of an order of eviction from the court. City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, informed that the information regarding an eviction could possibly be obtained by filing a Freedom of Information request with the court.

9. New Business

18-409 9A. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Steven John Lewkowicz. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

10. Communication

Councilwoman Williams thanked Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko, for clearing up a matter that she was not the person at a towing company with another resident. City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg recognized the APA on the success of their annual Thanksgiving dinner. Councilwoman Talley commented that Mrs. Edwards was very appreciative of Council's recognition of her and Mr. Edwards' 50 wedding anniversary. Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden recognized a City of Inkster councilman who was in the audience. Councilman Wadsworth gave a reminder to check out the Romulus Animal Shelter for Christmas gifts.

18-410 11. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-22 in the amount of \$1,400,026.87. **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 November 26, 2018.