

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 10, 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. Burcuff, 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.**

18-420 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 3, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner

3A. Joyce Williams, 35800 Abbey Drive, Romulus – request waiver of late fee on water bill. (Assistant Finance Director, Abbie Akins, explained that the late fees are determined by City Ordinance which allows a 21 day grace period before payments are considered late.) No action was taken by Council.

4. Chairperson's Report

18-421 4A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the city attorney and approve the settlement agreement between the City of Romulus and Kevin Ladach. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

5. Mayor's Report

18-422 5A. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with Van Buren Township to provide water service to 13156 Hannan Road, with acknowledgment from Van Buren Township that they will become a City of Romulus water service customer. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

18-423 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-17 to cover the cost to complete an Economic Development and Marketing Strategy Plan.

FUND/DEPT.

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
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Tax Increment Financing Authority

Expense

297-728-818.002	Consulting-Development Exp	-	7,000	7,000
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Fund Balance

297-000-390.000	Fund Balance	568,562	(7,000)	561,562
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To cover the cost to complete an Economic Development & Marketing Strategy Plan **Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays – Williams. Motion Carried.**

18-424 5C. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-18 to cover the cost for repairs to pedestrian streetlights on Wickham Road belonging to the TIFA Authority.

FUND/DEPT.

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Tax Increment Financing Authority

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297-728-931.000	Maintenance Contracts	3,700	2,400	6,100
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Fund Balance

297-000-390.000	Fund Balance	561,562	(2,400)	559,162
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To cover the cost for repairs to pedestrian streetlights on Wickham Road belonging to the TIF Authority.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-425 5D. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement for the community credit program and the local transit program between SMART and the City of Romulus for the 2019 fiscal year. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, announced that the next City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

6B. Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, informed that the tax bill payments are due on February 14, 2019.

7. Public Comment

A resident recited a Thomas Paine quote.

Newly-elected Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib announced that she is working on providing three new neighborhood service centers for citizens convenience. A resident spoke about the big trucks that utilize Wick Road.

8. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth gave a reminder that Helping Hands and Animal Shelter are in need of donations.

9. New Business

10. Communication

The Romulus High School FCCLA is sponsoring a food drive.

Councilwoman Williams requested a copy of the minutes that reflect any action taken by City Council to change the protocol of how Council responds to Number 7 on the agenda, Public Comment.

Councilwoman Talley spoke about the many events going on in the City.

Councilwoman Webb commented on the nice Christmas lights on Merriman Road.

Councilwoman Williams announced the Democratic Club Christmas Party will be held on December 17, 2018.

18-426 11. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-23 in the amount of \$2,243,720.72. **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 December 10, 2018.