

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2015**

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

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe,

Excused: William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. **Agenda** - Approval.
2. **Minutes**
 - A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held April 6, 2015.
 - B. No special meetings were held on April 6, 2015
3. **Petitioner: None.**
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
5. **Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
 - A. Amendment to the CDBG Contract with the Thomas J. Coleman Center Park – 2014/15 CDBG Funds.
 - B. Street Lighting Agreement with DTE – Goddard between Romaine and the railroad tracks.
 - C. Appointments to the Romulus Beautification Committee.
 - D. Appointments to the Officer Compensation Commission.
 - E. Appointment to the Romulus Housing Commission.
 - F. Appointment to the Romulus Historical Commission.
 - G. Free non-hazardous trash disposal weekend for Romulus residents.
- 6A. **Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
 1. Approval for demolition of structures & removal of all debris for tabled items from Demolition List 14-01.
 2. Study session request for Monday, May 11, 2015 to discuss changes to City F.O.I.A. Policy and Entertainers & Dancers Ordinance.
 3. Study session request for Monday, May 11, 2015 to discuss amendments to zoning ordinances – industrial districts.

For Your Information: None
- 6B. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
7. **Public Comment** – Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes.
All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.
8. **Unfinished Business**
9. **New Business**
10. **Communication**
11. **Warrant 15-07** Checks presented for approval: \$1,858,191.76
12. **Adjournment**

1. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Makowski** to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-112 **2A.** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 6, 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson’s Report:

15-113 **4A1.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Crout** to table **35606 Bibbins** from Demolition List 14-01 for sixty days, owner is in the process of bringing the structures up to code.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-114 **4A2.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve the demolition of structures and removal of all debris from **7385 Colbert, 35960 Vinewood, and 6219 Cordell.**
(Demolition List 14-01)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-115 **4A3.** Moved by **Roscoe** seconded by **Makowski** to recognize Pearl Varner as the 30th Romulus Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Burcroff voiced appreciation to all who helped with the Hometown Heroes event. He presented certificates to Roger Staten, Sr. (labor and trades employee of the month) and Kim Burton, (administrative employee of the month) for March, 2015. Rendell Wooden, Elections Clerk in the City Clerk’s office won the Star Program award.

15-116 **5A1.** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Makowski** to recognize Roger Staten, Sr. as the labor and trades employee of the month for March, 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-117 **5A2.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to recognize Kim Burton as the administrative employee of the month for March, 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 15-118** **5A3.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to authorize the mayor to send letters of support regarding “open fair skies” to Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Fox, and Secretary of State, John Kerry.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 15-119** **5A4.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Bill Clark.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 15-120** **5A.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt the Amendment to Agreement for the pavilion work at the Thomas J. Coleman Center Park through 2014/2015 CDBG funds.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 15-121** **5B.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with DTE for the street lighting LED Upgrades in Phase 1 of the Goddard Road reconstruction project from Romaine to the railroad tracks in the amount of \$129,438.00.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 15-122** **5C.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Diane Banks Lambert and the re-appointment of Chris Dunn, Charles Lindenmuth, Edna Talon-Jemison, Heather Mahon, Doug O’Leary and Samer Sulieman to the Beautification Committee with terms to expire on June 2, 2016.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 15-123** **5D.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to approve the appointment of Daniel McAnally to the Officer Compensation Commission with a term to expire on June 24, 2018 and Carole Bales with a term to expire on June 24, 2022.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 15-124** **5E.** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration to appoint Durice Green and re-appoint Chris Dunn to the Romulus Housing Commission with terms to expire on February 26, 2020.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-125 **5F.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve the appointment of Lucinda Rhoton to the Romulus Historical Commission with a term expiring December 29, 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-126 **5G.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Abdo** to authorize free dumping of non-hazardous trash at the DPW for Romulus residents on Thursday, May 28, 2015 and Friday May 29, 2015 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday, May 30, 2015 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk’s Report:

15-127 **6A1(a).** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the demolition of structures and removal of all debris for three of the four tabled properties on Demolition List 14-01. The properties approved for demolition are: **7385 Colbert, 35960 Vinewood, and 6219 Cordell.** The property excluded from demolition is **35606 Bibbins.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-128 **6A1(b).** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to let for bids for a demolition contractor to demolish and remove all debris for the following properties on Demolition List 14-01: **7385 Colbert, 35960 Vinewood, and 6219 Cordell.** (Excluded from demolition is 35606 Bibbins.)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – Abdo, Choate.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-129 **6A2.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to schedule a study session on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:30 pm to discuss state-mandated changes to the City’s F.O.I.A. Policy and also, changes to the entertainers and Dancers Ordinance to raise the age of applicants to 21 years of age. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-130 **6A3.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Makowski** to schedule a study session on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm to discuss amendments to zoning ordinances – industrial districts. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Stacy Paige announced that the lock box is no longer in place and that any water or tax bill payments are to be mailed to the City of Romulus.

7. Public Comment:

Jan Lemmon, Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, expressed appreciation for the Hometown Heroes award she received for her volunteer work for the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Ms. Waters, from the Sisters Network (breast cancer survivors) announced a walk benefitting the organization will be held on Saturday, April 25th at Chene Park, telephone 313-438-3639.

Virginia Williams, Romulus Citizens for Social Change, asked for help to distribute water to the residents of Flint.

8. Unfinished Business:

9. New Business

10. Communication:

15-131

11. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve Warrant 15-07 in the amount of \$1,858,191.76

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

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 13, 2015.



Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan