

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 14, 2017**

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:** Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

**Absent:** LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

**1. \*Amended\* Agenda - Approval.**

**2. Minutes**

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held August 7, 2017.

B. No special meetings were held on August 7, 2017.

**3. Petitioner: None.**

**4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**

**5. Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**

A. No-Fee Permit – Historical Park.

B. Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System.

C. Senior Alliance Implementation Plan for 2017/2018.

D. Smart Municipal Agreement Fiscal Year 2018.

E. Road Closure Request.

F. Lease Agreement and Letter of Understanding, 35255 Goddard Road.

\*G. 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Agreement.\*

**6A. Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**

1. Second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-4, Construction Fund – Vining Road Extension-Ecorse Construction.

2. Second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-5, Library Fund.

3. Second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-6, General Fund.

4. Special Meeting (Open Study Session) request for Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**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**

**11A. Warrant 17-15** Checks presented for approval: \$1,125,058.94.

**11B. Warrant 17-15E** Checks presented for approval: \$ 15,230.00.

**12. Adjournment**

1. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as amended..

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**17-267**

**2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 7, 2017.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**3. Petitioner: None**

**4. Chairperson’s Report:**

Cable Production Coordinator, Dennis Davidson, introduced Bill Crane, former owner of Crane Funeral Home. On behalf of Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden presented a proclamation to Mr. Crane acknowledging his many years of service to this community.

On behalf of City Council, Councilman Wadsworth presented a resolution to Mr. Crane also honoring his years of dedicated service and commitment to the City of Romulus.

Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, Jan Lemmon, thanked Mr. Crane on behalf of the Cemetery Board.

**17-268**

**4A.** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Frank Kirk Russell.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**5. Mayor’s Report:**

A resident commented on 5F on the Council Agenda under the Mayor’s Report – Lease Agreement and Letter of Understanding for 35255 Goddard Road.

**17-269**

**5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Historical Park on August 26, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a back-to-school rally for the community hosted by Daniel Young, Pastor of Freedom Christian Worship Center of Romulus.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**17-270**

**5B.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and adopt the Annual Community Resolution Accepting Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**17-271**      **5C.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution in support of the Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services for fiscal year 2018 as presented.

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

**17-272**      **5D.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the agreements for the community credit program and the local transit program between SMART and the City of Romulus for the 2018 fiscal year.

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

**17-273**      **5E.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road between Sterling Street and Shook Road, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017 and ending at 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2017 for the community event following the Romulus Alumni Night at Sounds in Downtown.

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

**17-274**      **5F.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into the Commercial Lease Agreement and Letter of Understanding with Mr. Chuck Nolen (tenant), for the City’s firehouse property located at 35255 Goddard Road for future use as a restaurant (CDBG Allocation 16-24-18A).

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

**17-275**      **5G.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor and clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the 2017 Justice Assistant Grant funding program award to the City of Romulus in the amount of \$9,867.00.

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

**6A. Clerk’s Report:**

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, thanked everyone who helped with the August Primary Election. She also spoke about the new election equipment and how clerks from surrounding cities (who did not have an August Election) came to Romulus to test out the new voting equipment to help better prepare them for the upcoming November Election.

**17-276**      **6A1.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-4, Construction Fund – Vining Road Extension-Ecorse Construction which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 7, 2017.

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

**17-277**      **6A2.** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Choate** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-5, Library Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 7, 2017.

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

**17-278**      **6A3.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-6, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 7, 2017.

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

**17-279**      **6A4.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to schedule a special meeting (open study session) on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, to discuss the City Quarterly Investment Report. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, Romulus City Hall.

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

**6B. Treasurer’s Report:**

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, commented that a new company is being used for credit and debit card payments. All credit cards will now be accepted and payments may also be made over the telephone. Tax bills are due on October 2, 2017.

**7. Public Comment:**

A resident commented that he and several other residents decided to refrain from turning in signatures for a referendum in regards to Project Mercury (Amazon). The mayor, community development director, and city attorney provided facts that changed their minds about the referendum. Jazmine Danci, Community Outreach Director, gave an overview of upcoming City events.

**8. Unfinished Business: None.**

**9. New Business:**

Councilman Wadsworth announced that Bingo will be held during the Pumpkin Festival with all proceeds going to the Romulus Animal Shelter.

**10. Communication: None.**

**17- 280**      **11A.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 17-15 in the amount of \$1,125,058.94.

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

**17-281**      **11B.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to pay Warrant 17-15E in the amount of \$15,230.00

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

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

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

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 August 14, 2017.



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