

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 24, 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, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Absent: Sylvia Makowski.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney

Absent: Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff, Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. **Agenda** - Approval.
 2. **Minutes**
 - A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held July 10, 2017.
 - B. Approval of the special meeting minutes (open session) held July 10, 2017:
Neo Network Development, Inc.
 3. **Petitioner:**
 - A. REOC-2016-044; Living by Faith Ministries – Request for use of public right-of-way,
7066 Waynecourse Road.
 4. **Chairperson’s Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
 5. **Mayor’s Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
 - A. Neo Network Development, Inc.
 - B. Planning Commission Appointment.
 - C. Resolution and Development Agreement for Rehabilitation of Tax-Foreclosed Homes in the
City of Romulus.
 - D. Budget Amendment 17/18-3, General Fund.
 - 6A. **Clerk’s Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
 1. Second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-2, Library Fund.
 2. Offer to acquire excess City-owned property.
- For Your Information:**
1. Notice of Hearing – Customers of DTE Gas Co., July 11, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Lansing.
- 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 17-14** Checks presented for approval: \$2,169,889.50.
 12. **Adjournment**

1. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Choate** to accept the agenda as presented.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-235 **2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 10, 2017.

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

17-236 **2B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 10, 2017 – open session, Neo Network Development, Inc.

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

3. Petitioner:

REOC-2016-044, Living by Faith Ministries – Use of Public Right-of-Way, 7066 Waynecourse Road. City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock presented petition on behalf of Living by Faith Ministries. The public right-of-way cuts through parking spaces at 7066 Waynecourse Road. Mr. Hitchcock developed an Indemnity Agreement for property owners to sign if they need to use public right-of-ways for parking and the agreement is revocable. City ordinance allows the use of public right-of-ways for five parking spaces.

17-237 **3A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to grant approval to Living By Faith Ministries for use of the public right-of-way for five parking spaces at 7066 Waynecourse Road.

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

4. Chairperson's Report:

Mayor Pro-Tem Barden commented about the new City of Romulus voting equipment and he also spoke about the fun that was had at the Romulus Community Festival. Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg read a letter from Bronson Bell, President of the APA, expressing his appreciation to the elected officials for their support during the 2017 Romulus Community Festival.

17-238 **4A.** Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Choate** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Johnnie Lee Woods.

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

17-239 **4B.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to recognize Bill Crane on his 34 years of doing business in the City of Romulus and request that Mayor Burcroff present a proclamation to Mr. Crane honoring his years of dedication to this community.

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

5. Mayor's Report:

On behalf of Mayor Burcroff, Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko provided a video of upcoming City events.

17-240 **5A.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Public – Private Partnership Agreement with Neo Network Development, Inc. The agreement is for five (5) years, with the possibility of four (4) five (5) year renewal terms.

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

17-241 **5B.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and appoint Jessica Workman to the City of Romulus Planning Commission to fulfill the term of recently retired Michael Prybyla. The term will expire on January 31, 2019.

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

17-242 **5B1.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a resolution to recognize Mike Prybyla for his years of service on the City Planning Commission.

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

17-243 **5C.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with the Wayne County Treasurer to purchase foreclosed homes in the City of Romulus as described in Exhibit A of the agreement.

Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth inquired about foreclosure list.

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

17-244 **5C1.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Development Agreement between Realty Transition LLC and the City of Romulus for the rehabilitation of the properties acquired.

Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo asked for an update on the progress of the homes that have been rehabilitated.

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

17-245 **5D.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-3 to allocate funding for the 2016 delinquent and 2017 current property taxes owed on blight properties acquired from Wayne County through the Property Disposition Committee.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u>		<u>CURRENT</u>		<u>AMENDED</u>
<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
GENERAL FUND				
Expense				
101-243-926.000	City-Owned Property-Property Taxes	3,300	53,618	56,918
Fund Balance				
101-000-390.000	Unassigned-Fund Balance	3,154,018	(53,618)	3,100,400

To allocate funding for the 2016 delinquent & 2017 current property taxes owed on blight properties acquired from Wayne County through the Property Disposition Committee.

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

6A. Clerk's Report:

17-246

6A1. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-2, Library Fund.

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

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6A2. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and accept the offer to acquire City-owned property: Parcel Numbers 80-020-03-0010-000, 80-020-03-0017-000, and 80-077-15-0050-000.

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

6B. Treasurer's Report: None.

7. Public Comment:

Resident spoke about Relay for Life fundraiser. For details, call Regina Plank, 734-749-5111.

8. Unfinished Business:

Councilman Wadsworth spoke about a resident who complimented the Mayor, City Council, and VanAssche Company on the fine job of removing the blight on Taft Street.

9. New Business: None.

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Abdo gave a reminder of the Romulus Athletic Center's "Summer Sizzle" which will be held on Sunday, July 30, 2017 from Noon until 6:00 p.m.

17-248

11. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Choate** to pay Warrant 17-14 in the amount of \$2,169,889.50.

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

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, 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 July 24, 2017.



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