

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 27, 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, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

1. Agenda - Approval.

2. Minutes

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held July 13, 2015.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meetings held July 13, 2015:

6:00 p.m. study session, Zoning Ordinances.

6:30 p.m. study session, Purchasing Ordinance and First Right of Refusal to Purchase Tax Foreclosed Property in Wayne County.

3. Petitioner

A. PackSpec request to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District, 8111 Middlebelt Road.

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

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

A. Request for a no-fee permit – park rental for RHS Class of 1995.

B. Smart Municipal Agreement – Fiscal Year 2016.

C. The Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2016.

D. Annual Agreement for Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program July 1, 2015 through July 1, 2020.

E. Purchase of Tasers – Romulus Police Department.

F. Introduction of Budget Amendment 15/16-2, General Fund.

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

1. Second reading and final adoption of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments, Section 3.06c, Commercial Vehicles, Sections 8.02 Gas and Oil Wells; Vehicle Dismantling, Wrecking, Recycling, and Sale of Parts; and Section 21.02, Enforcement.

2. Second reading and final adoption of amendments to Chapter 39, Sections 39.2, 39.8, 39.12, and 39.13, Purchasing Ordinance.

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 15-14 Checks presented for approval: \$663,692.68

12. Adjournment

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-261

2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 13, 2015.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-262

2B. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meetings held on Monday, July 13, 2015: 6:00 p.m. Study Session, Zoning Ordinances and 6:30 p.m. study session, Purchasing Ordinance and First Right of Refusal to Purchase Tax-Foreclosed Property in Wayne County.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner:

Jim Gracey, PackSpec General Manager, presented a request for approval to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for the property located at 8111 Middlebelt Road, Romulus, MI.

15-263

3A. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to grant approval to PackSpec to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District at 8111 Middlebelt Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Chairperson's Report:

Councilwoman Abdo announced the VFW Post 9568 barbecue fundraiser to be held on Friday, July 31, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Jasmine Noble spoke about the Wayne County Youth Summer Employment Program for ages 18 to 24. The program will go thru September 30th, for more information, call 734-629-4965.

David Jones, Malcolm Williams, and Curtis Hall from St. John's Lodge #44 announced their 26th annual Youth Day Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2015 from noon until 5:00 p.m. For information, call 734-612-3321.

Mayor Pro-Tem Barden read the items that may be disposed of at the Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, August 15, 2015. For further information call 734-326-5708.

15-264

4A. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution congratulating the Inkster High School Class of 1965 on their 50 year class reunion.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** 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:

Mayor Burcroff recognized the "star employee" recipient for this quarter – Jim Sylvester, Building Inspector and also the June Employees of the Month: Tracy Eddings, DPW labor; Lois Gilstorff, non-union; and Josh Monte, public safety.

Mayor Burcroff presented a resolution to the VFW Lodge 9568 recognizing their community involvement.

There is a back order for the small Waste Management containers for seniors.

Senior Olympics began this week in the City of Woodhaven.

15-265

5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to authorize a no-fee permit for the use of St. John's Lodge Park pavilion by the Romulus High School Class of 1995 on Sunday, August 30, 2015,

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-266

5B. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into agreements for the community credit program and the local transit program between SMART and the City of Romulus for the 2016 fiscal year.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-267

5C. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution in support of the Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services for fiscal year 2016 as presented.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-268

5D. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the annual sub-recipient agreement between the City of Romulus and Wayne County for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant Funds for the fiscal years 2015-2020.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-269

5E. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration, and authorize the purchase of six (6) tasers, along with six (6) holsters and associated powering devices from the only available manufacturer/distributor for law enforcement purposes, Taser International, in the amount of \$6,096.15.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-270 **5F.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to introduce Budget Amendment 15/16-2 to move the unused 14/15 capital budgeted funds for Fire Station #4’s digital sign to the 15/16 Building & Grounds capital budget.

<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				
101-4130-741.80-10	Building & Grounds Capital Outlay	170,000	26,746	196,746
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	General Fund Fund Balance	2,438,919	(26,746)	2,412,173

To move the unused 14/15 capital budget funds for Fire Station #4’s digital sing to the 15/16 Building & Grounds capital budget.

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

6A Clerk’s Report:

15-271 **6A1.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve second reading and final adoption of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments, Section 3.06c, Commercial Vehicles, Sections 8.02 Gas and Oil Wells; Vehicle Dismantling, Wrecking, Recycling and Sale of Parts; and Section 21.02, Enforcement.

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

15-272 **6A2.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading and final adoption of amendments to Chapter 39, Sections 39.2, 39.8, 39.11, 39.12, and 39.13, Purchasing Ordinance.

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

6B. Treasurer’s Report

7. Public Comment:

Jam Lemmon, Cemetery Board Chairperson, announced that there will be a dedication flag ceremony in the Romulus Memorial Cemetery on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. (with the VFW). A resident inquired if SMART buses will have a route on Wayne Road. (Not at this time).

8. Unfinished Business:

Councilwoman Abdo attended the RAC Summer Sizzle on July 19th and she commended the staff for a job well done. Fifty-seven new RAC memberships were purchased during the Summer Sizzle. Councilman Wadsworth inquired about the status of the burned down house on Middlebelt Road. Building Director, Robert McCraight, said the house is high on the list for demolition.

9. New Business

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Makowski announced a kids’ team resume’ building program on August 11 at 10:15 a.m. at the Romulus Library. She also informed that the library hours have been extended – Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Councilwoman Abdo read a list of youth programs that are being held this summer. She announced that the August 7th Sounds of Downtown has been unofficially deemed as Romulus High School Alumni night.

Discount tickets are still available for Cedar Point.

15-273 **11.** Moved by **Choate** seconded by **Crout** to approve Warrant 15-14 in the amount of \$663,692.68.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, 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, 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 July 27, 2015.



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