

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 11, 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. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. **Agenda** – Approval of Agenda.

2. **Minutes**

A. Approval of the corrected minutes from the regular meeting held June 4, 2018.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held June 4, 2018:

Open study session: 5:30 p.m. Public Safety Millage.

3. **Petitioner**

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

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

A. Amendment #4 – Water Services Contract with Great Lakes Water Authority.

B. CLEMIS Contract and Equipment, Public Safety Department.

C. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

1. Communication from Roberto Scappaticci RE: Emergency Repair Vehicle E-4.

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

1. Second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-32.

2. Council approval of a Charter Amendment for Fire and Police Services Millage.

**For Your Information:**

1. Regional Transit Authority (RTA) of Southeast Michigan – new proposed transit plan.

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 18-11** Checks presented in the amount of \$1,541,328.60.

12. **Adjournment**

1. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as corrected.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**18-205** 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the corrected minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 4, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Abstain – Barden.

Motion Carried.

**18-206**      **2B.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 4, 2018 – open study session – Public Safety Millage.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Abstain – Barden.  
Motion Carried.

**3. Petitioner: None.**

**18-207**      **4A.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ruth Zimmerman.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**4. Chairperson’s Report**

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**5. Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

**18-208**      **5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and adopt Amendment #4 to the Water Service Contract between Great Lakes Water Authority and the City of Romulus.  
Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked DPW Director, Roberto Scappaticci, to give a brief overview of the amendment.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.  
Nays – Webb.  
Motion Carried.

**18-209**      **5B (1.)** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with Oakland County for participation in the CLEMIS Consortium and approve the annual participation renewal in the amount of \$42,906.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**18-210**     **5B (2.)** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the purchase of the necessary CLEMIS compatible Computer Aided Dispatch equipment in the amount of \$20,123, the Biometric Fingerprint computer in the amount of \$37,113, and the Biometric Facial Image computer in the amount of \$15,000.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**6A. Clerk’s Report:**

**18-211**     **6A1.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-32, TIFA Fund.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**18-212**     **6A2.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the Clerk’s request to amend the Romulus City Charter, Section 11.1, Taxation; General Powers.  
Discussion: Submitted letters were read from citizens - all were in support of placing the millage on the ballot.

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR  
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE**

City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan

At the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, at City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan at 7:30 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Romulus, Michigan as follows:

1. The City Council by at least a three-fifths votes of its members-elect, pursuant to the authority granted by Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended, proposes that Section 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus, shall read as follows:

Section 11.1. Taxation: General Powers.

The City shall have the power to assess taxes and levy and collect rents, tolls and excises. The City shall not have the power to levy an income tax. The annual ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed ten (10 mills) of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City as equalized by the State, exclusive of any levy required for the payment of principal and interest on present Township sewer and water indebtedness or on outstanding bonds of the City and exclusive of any levy authorized by statute to be made beyond the Charter tax rate limitation. In addition, the city shall have the power to levy an ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed 0.4 percent (4 mills) of the taxable valuation of all such real and personal property for five (5) years, from 2019 through 2023, for fire and police services.

The existing 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus to be altered by such proposal, if adopted, now reads as follows:

Section 11.1 Taxation: General Powers.

The City shall have the power to assess taxes and levy and collect rents, tolls and excises. The City shall not have the power to levy an income tax. The annual ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed ten (10) mills of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City as equalized by the State, exclusive of any levy required for the payment of principal and interest on present Township sewer and water indebtedness or on outstanding bonds of the City and exclusive of any levy authorized by statute to be made beyond the Charter tax rate limitation.

2. The proposed amendment to Section 11.1 shall be submitted to the electors in the following form:

ROMULUS CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT  
FOR FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE

Shall Section 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, be amended so as to permit the levy by the City of an additional ad valorem property tax in an amount not to exceed four (4) mills for five (5) years, from 2019 through 2023, for fire and police services?

YES

NO

3. The City Clerk shall transmit copies of the proposed amendment of Section 11.1 of the City Charter to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval, and transmit a copy of the foregoing statement of purpose of the proposed amendment of Section 11.1 of the City Charter to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval, as required by law.

4. The proposed charter amendment of Section 11.1 shall be, and the same is hereby ordered to be submitted to the qualified electors of this City at a City election to be held on the same day as the general election to be held in the City of Romulus, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration thereof in the manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the charter amendment to the vote of the electors as required by law.

5. The proposed amendment of Section 11.1 shall be published in full together with the existing charter provision altered or abrogated thereby as part of the notice of election.

6. The canvass and determination of votes of said question shall be made in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the Charter of the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**6B. Treasurer's Report:**

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, gave a brief summary of the City Quarterly Financial Investment Report. (She gave the report in detail at a special meeting held earlier this evening.)

**7. Public Comment:**

Police Chief Settles thanked Council for voting to place the millage on the ballot.

A resident commented on the upkeep of Wahrman Road.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

Mayor Burcroff commented that there is extra activity being done on Wahrman Road; and, the City will do their best to keep the road in good condition.

**9. New Business: None.**

**10. Communication:**

Councilwoman Talley welcomed Mayor Pro Tem Barden back from his vacation.

**18-213 11. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to pay Warrant 18-11 in the amount of \$1,541,328.60.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

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, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

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 June 11, 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen L. Craig-Bragg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

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