

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2019**

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 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 *Amended* Agenda.

2. Minutes

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held March 4, 2019.

B. No special meetings were held on March 4, 2019.

3. Petitioner

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

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

A. ITB 18/19-24, Two-Year Contractual Services Contract – Dust Control Program, City Streets and Parks.

B. ITB 18/19-25, Two-Year Contractual Services Contract – Tree Cutting and Stump Removal.

C. Video Service Local Franchise Agreement Renewal.

D. Park Rentals – Request for no-fee permits.

E. Request for Resolution – Senior Center Salon – Friends of the Romulus Senior Center.

***F.** DDA Board Appointments.*

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

1. Property Disposition Committee Recommendation to sell Parcel 80 015 99 0007 000, Vacant Residential Land at 6578 Washington Street.

2. Property Disposition Committee Recommendation to sell Parcel 80 020 01 0068 300, Vacant Land located at 36282 Park Place.

3. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Vining Road Subarea Overlay District, Central Business District, and Regional Center District.

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 19-05 Checks presented in the amount of \$1,410,960.25

12. Adjournment

1. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as amended.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

19-063 **2A.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 4, 2019.

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

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson’s Report

Mayor Pro-Tem Barden congratulated the Romulus High School Girls Basketball team on their championship.

Councilwoman Roscoe read a thank you letter from Dave and Judy Rakotz for the recognition they received from the City on their 50th anniversary of doing business as, Dave’s Barber Shop.

19-064 **4A.** Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of James Leon Newman.

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

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.

19-065 **5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth** , seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a two-year fixed price contract for dust control through March 1, 2021 on the City’s local streets and parks with the only bidder, Suburban Calcium Chloride Sales, Inc.

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

19-066 **5B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a two-year fixed price contract for tree cutting and stump removal through March 11, 2021 with G’s Trees, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at the pricing reflected in the company’s bid.

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

19-067 **5C.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with legal counsel and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement renewal for the City of Romulus with Comcast Cable.

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

19-068 **5D.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Romulus Historical Society for the use of the Historical Park Pavilion on August 17, 2019 and the Romulus High School Class of 1999 for use of Elmer Johnson Park on June 2, 2019.

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

19-069 **5E.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and City Council to adopt a resolution to accept the senior center salon from the Friends of the Romulus Senior Center as a gift to the City of Romulus.

Senior Services Director, Rose Swidan, spoke about the new salon.

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

19-070 **5F.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve the appointments of Kevin Higgins and Brian Bush to the Downtown Development Authority with their terms to expire on March 11, 2023.

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

6A. Clerk's Report

Tim Stoepker, from Stronach Group, spoke about the North Point project which is north of Wick Rd., east of Vining Road, south of Smith Road and west of the hotels. There is currently a signed purchase agreement for a \$171,000,000 development on that property. In order to begin the project, Council would need to approve the amendment to the zoning ordinance that has been presented to them.

Brent Miles, representing the North Point project, said he is open to the idea of entering into a development agreement with the City of Romulus that would include a cash escrow that the City would keep in the event that the project did not come to fruition.

19-071 **6A1.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Williams** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve the sale of parcel 80 015 99 0007 000, vacant residential land on Washington, to Brandon and Lydia Dent – in the amount of \$2,500.

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

19-072 6A2. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Williams** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve the sale of parcel 80 020 01 0068 300, vacant residential land on Park Place, to Joseph Jackson in the amount of \$2,500.

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

19-073 6A3 (a). Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to delay voting on the proposed zoning ordinance amendments for the Vining Road Subarea Overlay District but accept the re-zoning amendments for the Central Business District and the Regional District Center.
Discussion: Councilwoman Webb asked that this be brought back to the next Council meeting.
Councilwoman Abdo and Councilman Wadsworth asked to have another study session.

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

19-074 6A3 (b). Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to schedule a study session for a future date to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance amendments regarding Vining Road Overlay District.

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

6B. Treasurer’s Report

7. Public Comment

A resident claimed that she has black mold in her residence at 344 Beverly Road.

8. Unfinished Business

Mayor Burcroff said the administration will look into the claim of black mold.

9. New Business

10. Communication

Councilwoman Talley spoke about the St. John’s Lodge annual bowling event that was held on March 10, 2019.

19-075 11. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 19-05 in the amount of \$1,410,960.25.
Discussion: Councilwoman Williams inquired about where the court building construction fund money is drawn from.
Mayor Burcroff said details (supporting documents) are available in the warrant basket in the City Council office.
Treasurer Stacy Paige concurred with Mayor Burcroff that details regarding the court building construction fund can be found in the warrant basket. The treasurer also informed that the Finance Dept. instructs her when to make a draw from the bond money to pay outstanding bills when they become due; and, she said this will be an on-going process until the court project is completed.

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

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 March 11, 2019.



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