

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 25, 2019**

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 \*Amended\* Agenda.

2. **Minutes**

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held March 11, 2019.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held March 11, 2019:  
Open Session, Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

3. **Petitioner**

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

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

A. Senior Alliance Fiscal Year 2019 Match.

B. Reappointments – Historical Commission.

C. State Law PA 152 – Request for No Action of Council.

D. Resolution to amend Employee Policy 17 and 18 to incorporate State Law P.A. 152 and Reduce Health Care Waiver.

E. Resolution to modify Pre-65 Retiree Health Care.

F. Resolution to offer option to continue current coverage – active employees and retirees.

G. Resolution to establish City of Romulus Retiree Healthcare Hardship Assistance Fund.

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

1. Second reading, final adoption of Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 6, Central Business District, Section 6.02; and Article 7, Business District, Section 7.02.

\*2. Introduction, first reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment TA-2018-001; Section 7.05, Vining Road Subarea Overlay District.\*

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

1. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates:

Sat. May 11, 2019 – Henry Ford College, 5101 Evergreen Rd. Dearborn 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Sat. Aug. 10, 2019 – Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Rd. 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Sat. Oct. 19, 2019 - WC3, 21000 Northline Rd. Taylor – 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

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 19-06** Checks presented in the amount of \$1,934,512.13.

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.

**19-076**      **2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 11, 2019.

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

**19-077**      **2B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 11, 2019, 6:30 pm, Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

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

### **3. Petitioner**

### **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 narrated a power point presentation regarding current and retiree health care coverage costs.

Eight people from the audience (which included current employees and retirees) spoke about the health care costs and court finances.

Mayor Burcroff commented about an accusation that was made from a court employee that the city spent the court's money.

**19-078**      **5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the annual payment to the Senior Alliance until such time the City no longer wishes to participate or budget for this expenditure in the Senior Alliance Account.

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

**19-079**      **5B.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointments of Lucinda Rhoton, Mark Lewkowitz, Gerald Wendland, Terrell Bird, Virgil Varner, William Crane and Sheldon Chandler to the Historical Commission with terms to expire on December 29, 2019.

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

**19-080** **5C.** Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Roscoe** to deny the no action request on State Law P.A. 152 but to allow City Council to take action to opt out of State Law P.A.152.

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

**5D.** No Action Taken.

**19-081** **5E.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to not adopt a resolution to modify the pre-65 retiree health care and prescription drug coverage.

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

**5F.** No Action Taken, withdrawn by Mayor.

**5G.** No Action Taken, withdrawn by Mayor.

#### **6A. Clerk's Report**

**19-082** **6A1.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of a Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 6, Central Business District, Section 6.02; and Article 7, Business District, Section 7.02 of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance which was introduced at the Council meeting of March 11, 2019.

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

**19-083** **6A2.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve first reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment TA-2018-001; Section 7.05, Vining Road Subarea Overlay District.

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

**19-084** **6A3.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to cancel the study session to discuss the overlay district that is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2019.

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 spoke about the gasoline tax.

A retiree suggested that the City reach out to other communities to see how they are handling retiree health costs.

A resident said the problem regarding the high cost of health care needs to be solved.

Two City employees and one court employee spoke about the cost of health care.

A resident spoke about the health care coverage.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

Councilwoman Williams asked the mayor to investigate the accusation that was made regarding the City spending court money.

**10. Communication**

**19-085** **11.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 19-06 in the amount of \$1,934,512.13.

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 25, 2019.



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