



# City of Romulus

## MINUTES

Council Meeting Held:

May 9, 2016

Item No. 2A.

General Description: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL

MEETING HELD MAY 2, 2016.

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

*Moved by:* Abdo Barden Choate Crout Makowski Roscoe Wadsworth

*Seconded by:* Abdo Barden Choate Crout Makowski Roscoe Wadsworth

*Ayes:* All Abdo Barden Choate Crout Makowski Roscoe Wadsworth

*Nays:* All Abdo Barden Choate Crout Makowski Roscoe Wadsworth

*Abstain:* All Abdo Barden Choate Crout Makowski Roscoe Wadsworth

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION FAILED

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 2, 2016**

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, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk City

Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney

**1. Agenda - Approval.**

**2. Minutes**

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held April 25, 2016.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held April 25, 2016:  
6:00 p.m. Study session, Proposed 2016-17 City Budget.

**3. Petitioner: PC-2014-005, D & G Conditional Rezoning (11651 Hannan Road).**

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

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

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

1. First Reading and Introduction of Code of Ordinance Text Amendments to  
Chapter 52 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

2. First Reading and Introduction of PC-2016-001; Zoning Ordinance Text  
Amendments – Animal/Agricultural Uses – Sections 3.02, 6.02, 7.02, and 8.02, Schedule Uses:  
Section 11.15, Animal/Agricultural; Sections 24.02, 24.07, 24.12, 24.19, and 24.22, Definitions.

3. First Reading and Introduction of PC-2016.002; Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Sidewalks and  
Non-Motorized Pathways and Section 20.09, Non-Conforming Sites.

4. First Reading and Introduction of PC-2016-003; Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Section 17.02,  
Uses Requiring Site Plan Review.

5. Establish New Polling Location and Move Precinct 5 from City Hall to Romulus Senior Center located  
at 36525 Bibbins.

**For Your Information**

**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. Adjournment**

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**16-220**

**2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo**, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the  
Romulus City Council held on April 25, 2016.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**16-221**      **2B.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe**, to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on April 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Study Session to discuss Proposed 2016-17 City Budget.

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

**3A. Petitioner: PC-2014-005, D & G Conditional Rezoning (11651 Hannan Road).**

Nino DiDomenico, representative of D & G Building Company located at 11651 Hannan Road, explained that there was a conditional rezoning of the portion of the property at the southeast corner of Northline and Hannan Roads from M-1 to M-2, and he is requesting Council to approve the extension of the conditional rezoning.

Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth asked if the request was just to keep the same zoning with nothing else going on for future development. Mr. DiDomenico answered, yes.

**16-222**      **3A1.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski**, to approve the conditional rezoning for PC-2014-005, D & G at 11651 Hannan Road.

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

**4. Chairperson’s Report:**

Chairperson Bardon wished the City Clerk a happy birthday. The Chair announced the two public hearings that were held before the regular council meeting - 6:00 p.m., Public Hearing on the Proposed Projects for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and 6:30 p.m., Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2016/2017 City Budget.; The Chair recognized Councilwoman Choate, who asked for a birthday resolution for Ronald McClelland’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday; The Chair recognized Councilwoman Abdo who requested a motion to transfer Community Development Block Grant job allocations for FY 14/15 and 15/16 to a new project, the property purchase for the expansion of the Historical Park; The Chair recognized Councilman Wadsworth who requested a memorial resolution for Richard Evans who passed away on May 1<sup>st</sup>.; The Chair recognized Councilwoman Roscoe who asked for a resolution to congratulate Ronnie Brown, a 2005 Romulus High School graduate and valedictorian, on being awarded “Teacher of the Year.” Ronnie is a math teacher at Taylor Preparatory High School.

**16-223**      **4A1.** Motioned by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout**, to adopt a birthday resolution for Ronald McClelland’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

**16-224**      **4A2.** Motioned by **Abdo**, seconded by **Crout**, to transfer Community Development Block Grant job allocations for FY 14/15 and 15/16 to a new project, the property purchase for the expansion of the Historical Park.

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

**16-225**      **4A3.** Motioned by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski**, to adopt a memorial resolution for Richard Evans.

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

**16-226**      **4A4.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski**, to adopt a resolution to congratulate Ronnie Brown on receiving the Teacher of the Year Award.

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 showed a video of upcoming events in the City of Romulus.  
Mayor Burcroff commented that the study session and public hearing on the Proposed 2016/17 Budget were the last of the special meetings and that the General Appropriations Act will be on the agenda for May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**6A. Clerk’s Report**

**16-227**      **6A1.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe**, to approve first reading and introduction of Code of Ordinance Text Amendments to Chapter 52 – Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, Sections 52-24, Ordering Construction, 52-28, Sidewalk Appeals, and 52-29, Alternatives to construction of sidewalks; payment- in-lieu of construction.

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

**16-228**      **6A2.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth**, to approve first reading and introduction to PC-2016-001; Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments - Animal/Agricultural Uses - Sections 3.02, 6.02, 7.02, and 8.02, Schedule of Uses; Section 11.15, Animal/Agricultural; Sections 24.02, Definitions A; Sections 24.07, Definitions F; Sections 24.12, Definitions K; and Section 24.19, Definitions F, and 24.22, Definitions.

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

**16-229**      **6A3.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout**, to approve first reading and introduction to PC-2016-002; Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Sidewalks and Non-motorized Pathways and Section 20.09, Nonconforming sites.  
Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo asked if this pertained to homes that are already built or pertains to new construction. Carol Maise, City Planner answered, it contains to both, however existing homes in single family subdivisions are exempt.

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

**16-230**      **6A4.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Abdo**, to approve first reading and introduction to PC-2016-003; Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Section 17.02, Uses Requiring Site Plan Review.

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

**16-231 6A5.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe**, to concur with the Election Commission to establish a new polling location and move Precinct 5 from City Hall, located at 11111 Wayne Road to the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36525 Bibbins Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo asked the Clerk to explain the reasons for moving the polling location and asked if there would be any financial expenses to the city. Clerk Bragg responded that the only costs would be mailing costs, which were already budgeted for; Mayor Burcroff asked the Clerk to explain the notification process for the general public. Clerk Bragg responded that every voter in Precinct 5 will receive a new voter registration card along with a notice, notifying the residents of the polling location change. The city's website and newsletter will also be utilized to notify residents of the polling location change; Chairperson Barden commented that residents wouldn't have to go around the Library and thought moving the polling location was a good move.

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

#### **7. Public Comment:**

A resident voiced their concerns regarding changing the polling location right before an election.

#### **8. Unfinished Business:**

Councilman Wadsworth shared that he received an email from the resident who had concerns regarding Meadow Court. They were very pleased and wanted to thank the Mayor and the Ordinance and Building Departments and all that were involved. They said that it gave their hope back in their community.; Councilman Wadsworth shared a story regarding a Huron Township firetruck that was stopped at the train track on Sibley Road and couldn't reach the fire in time to save a house. When Bill Oakley was Mayor, an attempt was made to get involved with building a bridge on Pennsylvania Road. Councilman Wadsworth asked the Mayor if the City could start that process again and suggested that council adopt a resolution for the administration to pursue looking into the project and that copies be sent to Huron Township, the County Commissioner and all the elected State Officials. Mayor Burcroff gave some background on why the project didn't take place during that time and said he would be happy to pursue it again; Councilwoman Abdo mentioned that at one time there was talk about DPW putting up signs by the railroad tracks. Mayor Burcroff commented that Wayne County would not allow them to put up the signs and CSX did not want the signs on their property.; Clerk Bragg responded to the residents concern regarding moving the polling location before an election. Mayor Burcroff also commented that the Election Committee feels the Senior Center is more accommodating. Councilwoman Makowski commented that with ADA Compliance, it is not a want, but a need, we don't have a choice. Clerk Bragg added that we get grant money from the State to help insure we are in compliance.

**16-232 8A1.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout**, to adopt a resolution for the administration to look into the Pennsylvania project.

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

Nays- None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### **9. New Business:**

Councilwoman Makowski commented on the success of the Garden Club meeting. She shared that there were a lot of rare seeds and also a "What's A Seed" presentation. She gave an update on upcoming events for the week at the Library.; Treasurer Paige gave a shout out to her daughter who is graduating with her Associates in Science from the Early College Program. She is part of the first class to graduate through the Romulus Community Schools, and said it was a fantastic program. She congratulated her daughter and all the other students who are graduating.

#### **10. Communication:**

Councilman Wadsworth announced the Romulus Animal Shelter Bowl-A-Thon on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and there are still a few spots left.; Councilman Crout wished everyone who has a birthday in the month of May and Roger Kadau a happy birthday. Clerk Bragg announced that Mayor Burcroff also has a birthday in the month of May.

## 11. Adjournment

Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski**, 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 May 2, 2016.



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