

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 28, 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, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

**Excused:** Tina Talley.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

1. **Agenda** – Approval of Agenda.

2. **Minutes**

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held May 13, 2019.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held May 13, 2019:

6:30 p.m. Closed Session, Pending Litigation and Attorney Opinion.

7:00 p.m. Open Session, Amendment to City Controlled Substance Ordinance.

3. **Petitioner**

A. James Kirby, Assistant Pastor, Living Rock Church, requesting a no-fee permit for a Prayer Walk on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

A. Agreement for water service between Van Buren Twp. and City of Romulus – 39591 Price St.

B. New 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Project – Request to waive bidding for two change orders.

C. Request for no-fee permits.

D. Recreation Board reappointments and appointments.

E. Introduction of Budget Amendment 18/19-26, Narcotic Forfeitures – State.

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

1. Second reading, final adoption of an amendment to the City Controlled Substance Ordinance.

2. Second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-25, Merriman Road Special Assessment District.

3. Study session request for Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss proposed changes to the Romulus Memorial Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

1. Marathon Petroleum Company – Adoption of Code of Business Conduct.

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 19-10** Checks presented in the amount of \$1,405,456.10,

12. **Adjournment**

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**19-148**      **2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 13, 2019.

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

**19-149**      **2B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council, Closed Session, Pending Litigation; and Open Session, City Controlled Substance Ordinance.

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

### **3. Petitioner**

**19-150**      **3A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to grant a no-fee permit to James Kirby, Assistant Pastor, Living Rock Church, 33200 Ecorse Road, for a prayer walk to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the city hall parking lot. The route will be: westbound on Goddard Rd. to Olive St., south on Olive to Bibbins, east on Bibbins to Wayne Rd. and Wayne Rd. north back to city hall.

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

### **4. Chairperson's Report**

**4.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

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

### **5. Mayor's Report**

Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko, presented Mayor Burcroff's report.  
Ms. Wojtylko spoke about the Memorial Day ceremony; and, the ribbon cutting at Fire Station 2. The fire station will open on May 29, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.  
The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Prayer Breakfast will be held on June 11, 2019 with proceeds going to the Romulus Drug Task Force.

**19-151**      **5A.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into agreements with Van Buren Township to provide water service to 39591 Price Street, with acknowledgment from Van Buren Township that they will become a City of Romulus water services customer.

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

**19-152** **5B.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration to waive the bidding for the needed addition of the revised storm water management for the South Parking Lot to the contract with Blue Ribbon Contracting in the amount of \$102,153 and for the addition of pews to the mill work contracted with Nelson Mill in the amount of \$44,388.

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

**19-153** **5C (1).** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson’s Park on June 8, 2019, for the “Bark for Life” event.

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

**19-154** **5C (2).** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Romulus Community Baptist Church to utilize Colorado Street from Fourth Street to the end of their property for the Pastor’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 29, 2019.

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

**19-155** **5D (1).** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and approve the reappointments of William Wadsworth, Diane Poet, Sandy Tenney, and Arnett Chisholm to the Recreation Commission with terms to expire on December 31, 2022.

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

**19-156** **5D (2).** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and approve the appointments of Ruby Paisley, Paris McCarthy and Romulus High School Representative, Brett Sherwood, to the Recreation Commission with terms to expire on December 31, 2022.

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

**19-157 5E.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-26 to recognize additional forfeitures received and increase budgets for operations and unanticipated vehicle maintenance costs through June 30, 2019.

Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked Captain Monte to explain the amounts of the budget amendment.

<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>
<b>Narcotic Forfeitures-State</b>				
<b>Expense</b>				
268-301-943.000	Vehicle Maintenance-MV	60,000	50,000	110,000
<b>Revenue</b>				
268-301-656.100	State Narcotics Forfeits	50,000	50,000	100,000

To recognize additional forfeitures received and increase budgets for operations and unanticipated vehicle maintenance costs through June 30, 2019. Note: This has no effect on fund balance.

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

**Clerk’s Report**

**19-158 6A1.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading/final adoption of an amendment to the City Controlled Substance Ordinance, which was introduced at the Council meeting of May 13, 2019.

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

**19-159 6A2.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-25, Merriman Road Special Assessment District which was introduced at the Council meeting of May 13, 2019.

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

**19-160 6A3.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session with the Cemetery Board of Trustees on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss proposed changes to the Romulus Memorial Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

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

**6B. Treasurer’s Report**

**7. Public Comment**

A resident asked if Romulus has any half-way houses for sex offenders. (No, sex offenders register with the State of Michigan.)

A resident commented about houses being flooded on Ecorse Road.

A resident spoke about the “Bark for Life” event which will be held on June 8, 2019.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

Councilwoman Abdo said the building at Hannan and Huron River Drive is a distribution center for Amazon; and, she informed that Amazon is giving back to the community and hiring Romulus residents.

Councilwoman Williams informed that Amazon will be donating equipment to the Romulus Community Schools.

**10. Communication**

Councilwoman Roscoe informed that the Farmer's Market starts on Wed. June 12, 2019 at the Historical Park and the Sounds of Downtown starts on Friday, June 14, 2019.

Councilwoman Abdo announced that the Historical Society will have their annual flea market on Saturday, June 29, 2019, and anyone interested in renting a table at the flea market can contact Cathy Morse at 941-6361.

**19-161 11. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to pay Warrant 19-10 in the amount of \$1,405,456.10.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, 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 meeting at 8:08 p.m.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, 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 May 28, 2019.



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