

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2014**

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

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda – Approval.

2. Minutes

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held November 24, 2014.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meetings held November 24, 2014:

6:00 p.m. study session – MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System).

6:15 p.m. study session – Ordinance Chapter 8, amendment to update Int'l Property Maintenance Code.

6:30 p.m. public hearing – Demolition List 14-01.

3. Petitioner

A. PC-2014-016/017; Terra/Contracting Services Outdoor Storage (Lot 52 Metroplex).

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

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

A. Resolution request – Public Act 152.

B. Request to enter into an agreement/City representative Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighting Grant.

C. ITB 14/15-11; Official Publications Newspaper.

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

1. Second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-11, Oakwood Industrial SAD Fund.

2. Second reading, final adoption of amended Part II, Chapter 8, Article VII entitled Property Maintenance, Sections 8-211 and 8-212 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances.

3. Study session request from Mayor Burcroff for a presentation of Romulus Visioning Plan.

4. Introduction of Ordinance amending Acquisition & Disposition of City-Owned Property.

For Your Information:

1. Comcast – Price changes starting January 1, 2015 for select XFINITY TV.

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 **Makowski**, 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.

14-490 **2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Choate** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 24, 2014.

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

14-491 **2B.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to approve the minutes of the special meetings of the Romulus City Council held on November 24, 2014, 6:00 p.m. study session, MABAS – (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System); 6:15 p.m. study session, Ordinance Chapter 8, amendment to update Int'l Property Maintenance Code; 6:30 p.m. public hearing, Demolition List 14-01.

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

3. Petitioner: Vaughn Martin, Wade Trim Project Representative and Steve Minella, Terra Contracting Services, came before Council for approval of a special land use request.

14-492 **3A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve PC-2014-016/017, Terra Contracting Services (Lot 52 Metroplex) special land use request for a storage yard on the east side of Metroplex Drive, north of Ecorse Road and west of Middlebelt Road.

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

4. Chairperson's Report:

Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden announced the Good Fellows newspaper will be sold on Friday, Dec. 5th and Saturday, December 6th.

4. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** 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

14-493 **5A.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a resolution to exempt City employees from either of the cost-sharing options for the City's medical benefits plans effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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

14-494 **5B1.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Dearborn Heights Fire Department for the Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighting Grant.

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

14-495 **5B2.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Northville Township Fire Department for the Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighting Grant.

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

14-496 **5B3.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to recognize Deputy Chief Kevin Krause as the City of Romulus representative for the Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighting Grant.

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

14-497 **5C.** Moved by **Abdo** seconded by **Wadsworth** to reject all bids related to the official newspaper of the City and direct the administration to reissue a Request for Proposal for bids to become the official newspaper of the City for calendar year 2015 because of the error made in providing notice to the correct address of potential bidders. The company that was awarded the official newspaper of the City for 2014 shall continue as the City’s official newspaper until Council receives the new bids and designates a newspaper as official newspaper for the calendar year 2015.

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

6. Clerk’s Report

14-498 **6A1.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-11, Oakwood Industrial SAD Fund which was introduced at the Council meeting of November 24, 2014.

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

14-499 **6A2.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading and final adoption to amend Part II, Chapter 8, Article VII, entitled Property Maintenance Sections 8-211 and 8-212 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

14-500 **6A3.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule a study session with Mayor Burcroff and representatives from Orchard Hiltz & McCliment to discuss the City of Romulus Visioning Plan on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m at Romulus City Council Chambers.

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

14-501

6A4. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to introduce the first reading of an amendment to Part II, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 3, Acquisition and Disposition of City-Owned Property, Sections 2-325, 2-326, and 2-327, 2-330 and 2-331 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. (The amendments are necessary to ensure compliance with Public Act 123 of 1999.)

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

6B. Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that tax bills were mailed out on November 26, 2014.

7. Public Comment:

Walter Starghill, President of the Western Wayne Branch of the NAACP, requested that he receive in writing, as to why all newspaper bids were rejected by Council.
A resident inquired who, at the City, is responsible for sending out bids.
Gina Steward, owner of Telegram Newspaper, commented on the bidding process.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Roscoe announced the Adult Literacy Program at the Library, if interested, call 734-942-7589.

11. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** 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 December 1, 2014.



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