

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 22, 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

Excused: Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda – Approval.

2. Minutes

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held December 8, 2014.

B. No special meetings were held on December 8, 2014.

3. Petitioner

A. Special Land Use Request – PC-2014-018, Great Lake Tire Retreading Facility, 30003 Van Born Rd.

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

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

A. ITB 14/15-16; Official Publications Newspaper.

B. Authorization to execute contract – Wayne Road Sidewalk Project.

C. Introduction of Budget Amendment 14/15-12, Community Development Block Grant.

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

1. Second reading, final adoption of ordinance amending Chapter 46, Article IV, Peddlers & Solicitors, and Article V, Transient Merchants.

2. Second reading, final adoption of ordinance amending Part II, Chapter 26, Food and Food Handlers.

3. Second reading, final adoption of ordinance amending Part II, Chapter 52, Sidewalks and other places.

4. Second reading, final adoption of proposed zoning ordinance amendments.

5. Study session request for Monday, Jan. 12, 2015 to discuss first quarter investments.

6. First reading to add Section 36-359 to Article VII, Offenses Against Public Safety, Div. 3, False Requests for Services, Romulus Code of Ordinances.

For Your Information:

1. Comcast – Effective Dec. 16, 2014, Nat Geo and Nat Geo HD will be available on Digital Starter Tier. As of Jan. 16, 2015, Nat Geo and Nat Geo HD will no longer be available on Digital Preferred Tier.

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 14-24 Checks presented for approval \$806,789.86.

12. 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.

14-519

2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 8, 2014.

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

3. Petitioner:

Alex Conlan from Great Lake Tire Retreading Facility presented information to support his request for special land use at 30003 Van Born Road.

14-520

3A. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve special land use request, PC-2014-018, Great Lake Tire Retreading Facility, 30003 Van Born Road, Romulus, MI.

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

4. Chairperson's Report:

14-521

4A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Shirley Crowell.

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

4B. Moved by **Choate**, 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:

1. Fire Chief Dave Allison announced that over \$30,000 was raised for the Good Fellows which helped 110 families, 245 children and 119 senior citizens.
2. Public Safety Director, Jadie Settles, recognized R. P. Lilly of Huron Township. He explained that the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Organization donated 50 children's bicycles to Huron Township. R. P. Lilly, along with the other trustees, reached out to the Romulus Police Department to donate 25 of the bicycles to the City of Romulus. The bicycles will be distributed by the police and fire departments to deserving children in Romulus.

14-522

5a. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a resolution to recognize R.P. Lilly and the Huron Township Trustees for their donation of 25 children's bicycles to City of Romulus children.

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

3. Mayor Burcroff announced that Paragon/New England Development plans to build shopping outlets at Wayne and Vining Roads.

14-523

5b. Moved by **Wadsworth** seconded by **Makowski** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ethel Lovette.

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

14-524

5c. Moved by **Crout** seconded by **Choate** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Earnestine Webster.

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

Public requests to speak on agenda item 5A:

- 1.** David Willett, president of Associated Newspapers, asked that the official newspaper bid be awarded to the Associated News.
- 2.** Gina Wilson-Steward, publisher of the Telegram Newspaper, asked that the official newspaper bid be awarded to the Telegram Newspaper.
- 3.** Vickie Dobbins from River Rouge commented that she subscribes to the Telegram Newspaper and that the paper is very informative and she receives it in a timely manner.
- 4.** Pastor John Hearn, treasurer of the Western Wayne County NAACP, expressed his support of Gina Wilson-Steward of the Telegram Newspaper.

14-525

5A. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to award Bid ITB 14/15-16 Official Publications Newspaper for the publication of all City notices to the Telegram Newspapers for the calendar year 2015 at a per-column inch price of \$5.00 per inch.

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

14-526

5A1. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to award Bid ITB 14/15-16 Official Publications Newspaper for the publication of all city notices to Associated Newspapers for the calendar year 2015 at a per column inch price of \$4.75 per inch.

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

Veto of Resolution 14-526:

Mayor Burcroff read an official notice to veto Resolution 14-526 pursuant to 7.13 of the Romulus City Charter and presented the official notice to the city clerk and council chairperson.

14-527

5B. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to authorize the mayor and clerk to execute the MDOT State Contract Number 14-5585 for the Wayne Road Sidewalk Project at a 20 percent project local match in the amount of \$144,788.

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

14-528 5C. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Roscoe** to introduce Budget Amendment 14/15-12 to correct the “preliminary” CDBG allocations at the time the budget was adopted; to the “final” CDBG allocations based on the approved sub-recipient agreement.

<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>
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT				
<u>Revenue</u>				
252-2250-512.50-10	CDBG Grant Revenue-Federal	178,405	(1,813)	176,592
<u>Expense</u>				
252-2250-722.85-11	CDBG PI-24-PI	0	19,404	
252-2250-722.85-52	CDBG Housing Rehab 13-24-14A01	0	5,875	5,875
252-2250-722.85-64	CDBG Park/Rec Jobs Creation 14-24-03F	81,000	(7,688)	73,312
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
252-0000-390.00-00	CDBG Fund Balance	36,123	(19,404)	16,719

To correct the "preliminary" CDBG allocations at the time the budget was adopted to the "final" CDBG allocations based on the approved sub-recipient agreement

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

6. Clerk’s Report

14-529 6A1. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption, of an ordinance amending Chapter 46, Article IV, Peddlers & Solicitors, and Article V, Transient Merchants.

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

Public request to speak on agenda item 6A2.
 Scott Braxton, transient mobile food vendor, inquired about an appeals process in order to place a food truck at the south cell phone lot at the airport.
 Carol Maise, City Planner, asked Council to reconsider passing the ordinance this evening.

14-530 Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to **rescind** the motion to approve **6A1**. Second reading and final adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 46, Article IV, Peddlers & Solicitors, and Article V, Transient Merchants.

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

6A2. No Action Taken.

6A3. No Action Taken.

6A4. No Action Taken.

14-531 **6A5.** Moved by **Wadsworth** seconded by **Makowski** to schedule a study session for Monday, Jan. 12, 2015 to discuss first quarter investments.

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

14-532 **6A6.** Moved by **Makowski** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve first reading to add Section 36-359 to Article VII, Offenses Against Public Safety, Division 3, False Requests for Services, Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

6B. Treasurer’s Report: None.

7. Public Comment:

Resident commented on the success of a cancer fundraiser.

8. Unfinished Business:

Councilman Wadsworth reminded residents of the various ways to donate money this holiday season – animal shelter, cemetery fund, Boys and Girls Club, Romulus Library, Scouts, Helping Hands, Progressive Hall, Salvation Army, Civic Club, Burton Center, etc.
Councilman Wadsworth commented on the mayor’s veto and he asked the city clerk to submit to Council, in written form, Council’s options regarding the veto.

9. New Business:

14- 533 **9A.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mr. Bill Barnes.

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

10. Communication:

Mayor Burcroff responded to Councilman Wadsworth’s comments made under Unfinished Business regarding the mayor’s veto of Resolution 14-526.
Councilman Wadsworth responded to Mayor Burcroff’s response.

14-534 **11.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to approve Warrant 14-24 in the amount of \$806,789.86.

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

12. 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 December 22, 2014.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ellen L. Craig-Bragg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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