

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 8, 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, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Harry Crout.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda – * Amended* - Approval.

2. Minutes

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held December 1, 2014.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meetings held December 1, 2014:

6:00 p.m. closed session – Attorney opinion.

6:45 p.m. study session – Drafted ordinance language pertaining to temporary uses,
special events, peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants.

C. Approval of the minutes from the Special City Council meeting held December 3, 2014.

3. Petitioner: None.

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. Second reading, final adoption of ordinance amending acquisition & disposition of
City-owned property.

2. First reading of ordinance amending Chapter 46, V, Article IV, Peddlers & Solicitors, and
Article V, Transient Merchants.

3. First reading of ordinance amending Part II, Chapter 26, Food and Food Handlers.

4. First reading of ordinance amending Part II, Chapter 52, Sidewalks and other places.

5. First reading of proposed zoning ordinance amendments.

6. Study session request for Monday, December 22, 2014 to discuss Recreation Master Plan.

***7.** Second offering of foreclosed properties to communities – December 2014.*

***8.** Study session request for Monday, December 22, 2014 to discuss final year of the RAC’s Deficit
Elimination Plan.*

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 14-23 Checks presented for approval \$496,564.76.

12. Adjournment

1. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as amended.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-502 **2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 1, 2014.

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

14-503 **2B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve the minutes of the special meetings of the Romulus City Council held on December 1 2014, 6:00 p.m. closed session, Attorney opinion; 6:45 p.m. study session, Drafted ordinance language pertaining to temporary uses, special events, peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants.

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

14-504 **2C.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Choate** to approve the minutes of the special council meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 3, 2014.

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

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report:

4. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the chairperson's report.

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

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff announced that R.O.C. (Romulus Outreach Center) will have a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.- to be held at the Community United Methodist Church. (free-will offering). For more information, contact Pastor Cindy Gibbs, 941-0736. Fire Chief, David Allison, spoke about the Good Fellows donations from the Romulus Elementary School second graders, Romulus House Restaurant, and Julie Allison's Annual Good Fellows Tea.

14-505 **5A.** Moved by **Abdo** seconded by **Makowski** to adopt a resolution recognizing Romulus House Restaurant for their support of the Good Fellows Organization.

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

14-506 **5B.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a resolution recognizing Julie Allison for her support of the Good Fellows Organization.

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

14-507 **5C.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Vincent Bartolo.

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

14-508 **5D.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to adopt a resolution recognizing Joe Watt as the labor and trades City of Romulus Employee of the Month for October, 2014.

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

14-509 **5E.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution recognizing Rose Swidan as the administrative, clerical City of Romulus Employee of the Month for October, 2014.

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

6. Clerk's Report:

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, announced that the Wayne County Board of Canvassers will conduct a recount of the votes cast at the November 4, 2014 General Election for candidates who sought the office of school board member of Romulus Community Schools. The recount will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2014.

14-510 **6A1.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading and final adoption of an ordinance amending 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.

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

14-511 **6A2.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 46, Peddlers and Solicitors, Article IV, Divisions 1 and 2, Sections 46-139 and 46-176 and Article V Transient Merchants, Divisions 1 and 2 Sections 46-203, 46-234, and 46-236 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

14-512 **6A3.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Part II, Chapter 26, Food and Food Handlers, Article 1, Section 26-3 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

14-513

6A4. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to introduce the first reading of an amendment to Part II, Chapter 52, Streets, Sidewalks, and other Public Places, Article II, Section 52-84 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-514

6A5. Moved by **Wadsworth** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the first reading of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance: Section 7.03, Business Districts; Table 17.02, Site Plan Review Requirements; Section 17.03, Administrative Review; Section 17.03, ARC Plan Approval; Section 19.03, Outdoor Display of Goods for Sale at Retail; Section 22.03, Temporary Building and Uses; Section 24.19, Definitions, Special Event.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-515

6A6. Moved by **Abdo** seconded by **Makowski** to schedule a study session for Monday, Dec. 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed update to the City of Romulus Recreation Master Plan. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-516

6A7. Moved by **Makowski** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee's recommendation for the City not to acquire any of the properties included on the Wayne County Treasurer's Second Offering of Foreclosed Properties to Communities for December, 2014.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A8. Deleted from agenda.

6B. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that in order to claim personal property taxes for 2014, the taxes must be paid to the treasurer's office by December 31, 2014 (for federal income tax purposes).

7. Public Comment: None.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

Councilman Wadsworth announced that a resident on Castle Drive in Romulus gave a large monetary donation to the Romulus Animal Shelter because they were so pleased with how their animal was treated by the shelter staff.

Councilwoman Abdo sent out a thank you to a man who purchased hot chocolate and delivered it to the Romulus Honors Society students who were standing out in the cold during the Good Fellows paper sale.

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Makowski announced the coat and mitten drive being held at the Romulus Library. She shared statistics of the various uses of the library; a very popular use is Ancestry.com.

14-517

10A. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a resolution recognizing the second grade students at Romulus Elementary School for their generous donation to the Good Fellows Organization.

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

14-518

11. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve Warrant 14-23 in the amount of \$496,564.76.

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

12. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, 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 8, 2014.



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