

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 5, 2015**

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 December 22, 2014.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held December 22, 2014:

6:00 p.m. – study session – Recreation Master Plan.

C. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held December 29, 2014:

5:00 p.m. – executive session, Attorney opinion letter.

3. Petitioner: None.

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

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

A. Sole source purchase, Uniset Co., Rolling Panel Backdrops, Romulus Cable Department.

B. Request approval for 2014-2019 City of Romulus Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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

1. Second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-12, Community Development Block Grant.

2. Second reading, final adoption to add Section 36-359 to Article VII, Offenses Against Public Safety, Division 3, False Request for Services, Romulus Code of Ordinances.

3. One-hour study session request to discuss the general audit for fiscal year ended 06/30/14.

For Your Information:

1. DTE Gas Co. – Notice of Hearing, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Lansing, MI.

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 **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-001 **2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 22, 2014.

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

15-002 **2B.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on December 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m. study session, Romulus Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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

15-003 **2C.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve the minutes of the executive session held on Monday, December 29, 2014.

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

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson’s Report:

Bishop Stargill, president of the Western Wayne NAACP, commended Mayor Burcroff for following the City’s bid process.

15-004 **4A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Choate** (in accordance with 6.12 of the City Charter) to keep the Associated Newspaper as the City’s official paper for the next thirty days.

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

15-005 **4B.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve the Telegram Newspaper as the City’s official paper for the next thirty days.

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

City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, advised Council that according to the city charter, an official newspaper must be chosen no later than January 31, 2015.

4C. 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:

1. Mayor Burcroff commented on the City’s visioning process and will comment further about it at the State of the City address on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.
2. Mayor announced the “Mayor’s Fitness Challenge” at the RAC from January 12th thru March 9th.
For more information, call the RAC at 734-942-2233

15-006 **5A1.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jim LeBlanc.

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

15-007 **5A.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the sole-source purchase of a set of Rolling Panel Backdrops from Uniset Company, LLC, in the amount of \$13,507.62.

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

15- 008 **5B.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve first reading of the 2014-2019 City of Romulus Parks and Recreation Plan.

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

6. Clerk’s Report:

15-009 **6A1.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-12, Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$19,404.00 - introduced at the Council meeting of December 22, 2014.

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

15-010 **6A2.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading and final adoption 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.

15-011 **6A3.** Moved by **Wadsworth** seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a one-hour study session on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the general audit. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI.

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

6B. Treasurer’s Report:

1. Treasurer Stacy Paige announced that taxes are due Saturday, February 14, 2015; however since Monday, February 16 is a holiday, citizens have until Tuesday, February 17, 2015 to pay their taxes.
2. Treasurer also announced the Martin Luther King Day Walk/Celebration that will be held on Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 19, 2015 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Romulus Middle School.

7. Public Comment:

Gina Wilson-Steward from Telegram Newspaper thanked Council for allowing the Telegram to be the interim newspaper for the City of Romulus for thirty days (until Jan. 31, 2015).

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. New Business: None.

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Makowski announced the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale will be held January 8 thru January 10, 2015.

11. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** 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 January 5, 2015.



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