

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 24, 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 10, 2014.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held November 10, 2014:

7:00 p.m. closed session, Attorney opinion.

3. Petitioner: None.

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

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

A. MML dues 2015.

B. Introduction of Budget Amendment 14/15-11, Oakwood Industrial SAD Fund.

C. Authorization to enter into Mutual Aid Box Alarm System – Romulus Fire Department.

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

1. Approval for demolition of structures & removal of all debris on Demolition List 14-01.

2. Offer to purchase excess city-owned property.

3. Study session request from city planner, Carol Maise, for December 1, 2014.

4. First reading to amend Part II Chapter 8, Article VII Entitled Property Maintenance

Sections 8-211 and 8-212 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Romulus.

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 14-22 Checks presented in the amount of \$1,274,094.72.

12. Adjournment

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as presented.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-478 **2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 24, 2014.

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

14-479 **2B.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting 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 8, Amendment to update International Property Maintenance Code; 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing, Demolition List 14-01.

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

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report

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

14-480 **5A1.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a resolution recognizing Mary Oakley's birthday.

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

14-481 **5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and authorize renewal of the Michigan Municipal League membership dues for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$6,956.00.

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

14-482

5B. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to introduce Budget Amendment 14/15-11 to set up the newly created Oakwood Industrial Pump Station Special Assessment District (SAD) along with the appropriate transfers - per Council Resolution #14-392.

<u>FUND/DEPT</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
1) OAKWOOD INDUSTRIAL SAD FUND				
<u>Revenue</u>				
220-0000-410.67-33	Special Assessment Revenue	0	18,550	18,550
220-0000-699.91-01	Transfers-In General Fund	0	2,061	2,061
<u>Expense</u>				
220-4260-742.74-01	Pump Station Maintenance Exp.	0	5,611	5,611
220-4260-742.74-02	Pump Station Electric Expense	0	15,000	15,000
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
220-0000-396.00-00	Oakwood SAD Restricted Fund Balance	0	0	0
2) GENERAL FUND				
<u>Expense</u>				
101-2990-729.92-20	Transfer-Out to Oakwood Ind SAD	0	2,061	2,061
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
101-0000-390.00-00	General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance	1,929,250	(2,061)	1,927,189

To set up the newly created Oakwood Industrial Pump Station Special Assessment District (SAD) along with the appropriate transfers per Council Resolution # 14-392.

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

14-483

5C. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Downriver Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Agreement.

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

6. Clerk’s Report

14-484

6A1. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to approve demolition and removal of all debris at the locations listed on Demolition List 14-01 as presented at the public hearing held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of 35606 Bibbins and 35960 Vinewood – these two are to be tabled for 90 days. (See amended resolution # 14-488).

1. 35606 Bibbins single-family residential structure & shed
2. 7385 Colbert single-family residential structure & garage
3. 7280 Dodge single-family residential structure & garage
4. 31415 Ecorse commercial building (former gasoline station/convenience store)
5. 12208 Huron River Drive single-family residential structure used as a multi-family structure
6. 7179 Merriman single-family residential structure & garage
7. 7221 Merriman single-family residential structure & garage
8. 10885 Middlebelt commercial building (former gasoline station/convenience store)
9. 11246 Moore single-family residential structure & garage
10. 35960 Vinewood single-family residential structure & garage
11. 5895 Wayne single-family residential structure & slab
12. 11471 Whitehorn single-family residential structure

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

14-485 **6A2.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve “Agreement for Purchase and Sale” pursuant to the “Disposition of City-Owned Property Ordinance” Section 2-417(4).

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

14-486 **6A3.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session with city planner, Carol Maise, on December 1, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss drafted ordinance language pertaining to temporary uses, special events, peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants.

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

14-487 **6A4.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to introduce for first reading Amendment to Part II, Chapter 8, Article VII Entitled Property Maintenance, Sections 8-211 and 8-212 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Romulus.

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 will be mailed out by December 1, 2014. Romulus School District is moving their tax collection to the summer tax bill.

7. Public Comment:

A resident commented on a fundraiser that will be held on December 12, 2014.
A resident presented a complaint regarding the police department.
Chris Ferris, whose property (7385 Colbert) is on Demolition List 14-01, asked that his property be tabled for 90 days; he did not make it to the demolition public hearing due to high winds.

14-488 **7A.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Makowski** to amend Resolution # 14-484 to add **7385 Colbert** to be tabled for 90 days.

14-484

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

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Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

8. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth commented on the parking tax.

9. New Business

10. Communication:

Councilman Crout extended appreciation for those who donated turkeys to Helping Hands.

14-489

11. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve Warrant 14-22 in the amount of \$1,274,094.72.

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 November 24, 2014.



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