

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 23, 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

Barbara Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk

Excused: Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda - Approval.

2. Minutes

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held November 9, 2015.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held November 9, 2015:
7:00 p.m. closed session, pending union matters.

3. Petitioner

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

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

A. Request for resolution - 2015 Neighborhood Street Improvement Bond Proposal.

B. Request for resolution – 2015 34th District Court Capital Improvement Bond.

C. Extension of Bid 04/05-7, Cross Connection Program.

D. Michigan Municipal League Membership Dues, 2016.

E. Introduction of Budget Amendment 15/16-12, general fund.

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

1. Second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-11.

2. Study session request to discuss City first quarter investments.

3. Study session request to discuss the Ecorse Creek Resolution.

For Your Information:

1. Comcast – Changes effective Jan. 7, 2016.

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 15-22 Checks presented for approval: \$1,181,960.24.

12. Adjournment

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-402

2A. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 9, 2015.

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

15-403

2B. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 9, 2015, 7:00 pm, closed session, Pending Union Matters.

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

3. Petitioner

4. 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:

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming events in the City of Romulus.

15-404

5A. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to adopt a resolution in accordance with Section 8.6 of the Romulus City Charter to schedule a special election to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 for the purpose of placing a bond issue before the electors for a road improvement program consisting of paving, repaving, resurfacing, reconstruction and improving residential streets. The ballot language reads as follows:

Neighborhood Street Improvement Bond Proposal

Shall the City of Romulus, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying the cost of neighborhood street improvements throughout the City, consisting of paving, repaving, resurfacing, reconstructing and improving neighborhood streets, including all related appurtenances and attachments? The estimated millage to be levied in 2016 is 3.53 mills (\$3.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.55 mills (\$3.55 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

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

15-405

5B. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout**, to adopt a formal resolution to authorize the mayor and clerk to execute the necessary documents to authorize the Notice of Intent for the issuance of the 2015 34th District Court Capital Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for the purpose of renovating the 34th District Court building and grounds.

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

15-406 **5C.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize the City of Romulus to extend Bid 04/05-07 with HydroDesigns, Inc. for an additional thirty-six (36) months with the term to expire on March 31, 2018 at an annual contracted amount of \$21,480.00 for 211 inspections (12 monthly payments of \$1,790.00).

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

15-407 **5D.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize renewal of the Michigan Municipal League membership dues for January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$7,068.00

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

15-408 **5E.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout**, to introduce Budget Amendment 15/16-12 to increase the revenue for engineering review fees collected for a new major project as well as increase the expense for engineering reviews conducted by contractual engineers on that same project.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
GENERAL FUND				
Revenue				
101-371-477.000	Building Permits/City Cert Revenues	735,000	40,000	775,000
Expense				
101-371-818.000	Building Dept. Contractual Services	60,000	40,000	100,000

To increase the revenue for engineering review fees collected for a new major project as well as increase the expense for engineering reviews conducted by contractual engineers on that same project.

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

6A. Clerk’s Report

15-409 **6A1.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-11 to cover the cost of the DWSD 48” water main installation on Wick Road that the City will be reimbursed by DWSD 100%.

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

15-410 **6A2.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule a study session for Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss City first quarter investments. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

15-411

6A3. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session for Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Ecorse Creek Resolution. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

6B. Treasurer’s Report

7. Public Comment:

A resident spoke about her water bill.
A resident commented on the need to fix the neighborhood roads.
Gina Wilson-Steward, Telegram Newspaper, commented on the renovation of the 34th District Court.
A resident thanked the mayor and council for their concerns to repair neighborhood roads.

8. Unfinished Business:

Mayor Burcroff mentioned that if anyone is experiencing extremely high water bills that his administration would be happy to help troubleshoot the problem. He also said that the administration is looking at the water billing process.
Councilman Wadsworth spoke about the Animal Shelter (adopting a pet for Christmas) and also the many other charities in the City that could use donations.

9. New Business

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Makowski announced upcoming activities at the library.

15-412

11. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 15-22 in the amount of \$1,181,960.24.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, 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, 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 23, 2015.



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