



CITY OF ROMULUS

MINUTES

Council Meeting Held:

DECEMBER 3, 2018

Item No. 2A.

General Description: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 26, 2018.

Resolution No. _____

Moved by: Abdo Barden Roscoe Talley Wadsworth Webb Williams

Seconded by: Abdo Barden Roscoe Talley Wadsworth Webb Williams

Ayes: All Abdo Barden Roscoe Talley Wadsworth Webb Williams

Nays: All Abdo Barden Roscoe Talley Wadsworth Webb Williams

Abstain: All Abdo Barden Roscoe Talley Wadsworth Webb Williams

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION FAILED

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 26, 2018**

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: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

1. **Agenda** – Approval of Agenda.

2. **Minutes**

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held November 13, 2018.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held November 13, 2018.

Open session – City Quarterly Investment Report.

3. **Petitioner**

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

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

A. Exemption of Principal Residence by Reason of Poverty.

B. Wayne County Park Improvements Grant Award – Fernandez Park.

C. Michigan Municipal League Membership Dues for 2019.

D. Introduction of Budget Amendment 18/19-12, General Fund.

E. Introduction of Budget Amendment 18/19-13, General Fund.

F. Introduction of Budget Amendment 18/19-16, Forfeiture Fund.

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

1. Appointments to the Board of Review.

For Your Information:

1. Comcast – Effective Jan. 1, 2019, prices for certain services and fees will be increasing; also, Fuse will no longer be available on the channel line-up.

2. State of Michigan Notice of Public Hearing for Electric Customers of DTE, Wed. Dec. 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. MI Public Service Comm. 7109 West Saginaw Hwy, 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 **Warrant 18-22** Checks presented in the amount of \$1,400,026.87.

12. **Adjournment**

1. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-400

2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 13, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-401 **2B.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 13, 2018 – Open Session, City Quarterly Investment Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson’s Report

4. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.
Nays – None,
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor’s Report

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

18-402 **5A.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution for the City of Romulus Poverty Exemption for 2019 to be used by the Board of Review to approve or deny poverty exemptions.
Discussion: City Assessor, Julie Albert, gave an overview of Federal Government approved guidelines the State of Michigan recommends for poverty exemptions.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-403 **5B.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for improvements to Fernandez Park located on Avalon Street, to update the walking path that surrounds the park, purchase a new swing set, planters, and a message board for upcoming events in the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-404 **5C.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize renewal of the Michigan Municipal League membership dues until such time the City no longer wishes to participate or budget for this expenditure.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-405 **5D.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-12 to allocate funding for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five (5) additional Firefighter positions.

<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>
General Fund				
<u>Assigned Fund Balance</u>				
101-000-393.001	SAFER Grant	47,800	(10,000)	37,800
<u>Expense</u>				
101-270-828.000	Employee Processing	17,500	10,000	27,500

To allocate funding for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five additional firefighter positions.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-406 **5E.** Moved by **Roscoe** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-13 to recognize federal funding and allocate additional funds for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five (5) additional Firefighter positions in accordance with the “Period Performance” for the grant beginning February 23, 2019.

<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>
General Fund				
<u>Assigned Fund Balance</u>				
101-000-393.001	SAFER Grant	37,800	(37,800)	-
<u>Revenue (Fire)</u>				
101-336-501.094	Federal Grant – SAFER	-	113,300	113,300
<u>Expense (Fire)</u>				
101-336-702.002	SAFER Salaries	-	75,640	75,640
101-336-706.000	Comp Abs	54,550	8,370	62,920
101-336-710.000	Overtime	158,380	6,275	164,655
101-336-715.000	Social Security	94,250	5,590	99,840
101-336-715.001	Medicare	22,040	1,310	23,350
101-336-716.001	Defined Benefit	16,910	3,040	19,950
101-336-717.100	Retiree Health Savings	5,890	740	6,630
101-336-718.000	Health Insurance	391,160	39,875	431,035
101-336-719.000	Dental Insurance	17,050	2,315	19,365
101-336-720.000	Life Insurance	1,570	170	1,740
101-336-721.000	LTD Insurance	4,490	340	4,830
101-336-722.000	Worker’s Comp	48,340	2,880	51,220
101-336-723.000	Empl Assistance	550	55	605
101-336-957.005	SAFER Training	-	4,500	4,500

To recognize federal funding and allocate additional funds for costs associated with acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five additional firefighter positions in accordance with the “Period Performance” for the grant beginning 02/23/2019.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-407 **5F.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-16 to cover the purchase of a police vehicle that was not encumbered from the 17/18 approved budget.

FUND/DEPT.		CURRENT		AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
Federal Forfeiture Fund				
Expense				
267-301-970.000	Capital Outlay	-	30,867	30,867
Fund Balance				
267-000-390.000	Fund Balance	119,157	(30,867)	88,290

To cover the purchase of a police vehicle that was not encumbered from the 17/18 approved budget.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk’s Report

18-408 **6A1.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the Executive Advisory Committee and City Assessor, Julie Albert, to re-appoint Shirley Lamberson and Debra Hoffman to the Board of Review with their terms to commence on January 1, 2019 and expire on December 31, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer’s Report

7. Public Comment

A resident spoke about water on his property.

Two citizens spoke about an eviction.

8. Unfinished Business

Mayor Burcroff spoke about a home that the City purchased at fair market value.

Councilwoman Williams asked if the City could get a copy of an order of eviction from the court.

City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, informed that the information regarding an eviction could possibly be obtained by filing a Freedom of Information request with the court.

9. New Business

18-409 **9A.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Steven John Lewkowicz.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10. Communication

Councilwoman Williams thanked Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko, for clearing up a matter that she was not the person at a towing company with another resident.

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg recognized the APA on the success of their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Councilwoman Talley commented that Mrs. Edwards was very appreciative of Council's recognition of her and Mr. Edwards' 50 wedding anniversary.

Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden recognized a City of Inkster councilman who was in the audience.

Councilman Wadsworth gave a reminder to check out the Romulus Animal Shelter for Christmas gifts.

18-410 11. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-22 in the amount of \$1,400,026.87.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

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, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

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 26, 2018.



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