

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 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.

Excused: William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Excused: Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. **Agenda** - Approval.
2. **Minutes**
 - A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held November 2, 2015.
 - B. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held November 2, 2015:
7:00 p.m. public hearing, Proposed Special Assessment Roll for Merriman Road Enhancement Project.
3. **Petitioner:**
 - A. Reverend Willis – Request to close Wayne Rd. north and south from Wick Rd. to Michelle and Wick Rd. from Middle School to Wayne Rd. on Monday, Jan. 18, 2016 from 8 am to 9 am for the annual Martin Luther King Day Walk.
 - B. New liquor license request – Dancing Cow Entertainment LLC dba Walter’s Bar and Romulus Lanes, 37452 W. Huron River Drive.
4. **Chairperson’s Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
5. **Mayor’s Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
 - A. Cemetery Board of Trustees appointment and re-appointment.
 - B. Extension of Bid Award 14/15-02, Quarterly Newsletter.
 - C. Authorization to enter into an agreement with Detroit Water and Sewer Department, Wick Road 48” water main.
 - D. Budget amendment 15/16-11, Water & Sewer Fund.
 - E. Downriver Mutual Aid dues.
- 6A. **Clerk’s Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
For Your Information: None.
- 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 15-21** Checks presented for approval: \$1,711,323.09
12. **Adjournment**

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-389 **2A.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 2, 2015.

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

15-390 **2B.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 2, 2015, 7:00 pm, public hearing, Proposed Special Assessment Roll for the Merriman Road Enhancement Project.

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

3. Petitioner:

15-391 **3A.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to approve the closure of Wayne Road north and southbound from Wick to Michelle and Wick Road from the Middle School to Wayne Road on Monday, January 18, 2016 from 8 am until 9 am for the annual Martin Luther King Day Walk.

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

15-392 **3B1.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the liquor license application of Dancing Cow Entertainment, LLC dba Walter’s Bar and Romulus Lanes for a Class “C” Liquor License.

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

15-393 **3B2.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a resolution to waive the City of Romulus \$500 application fee for the Class “C” Liquor License for Dancing Cow Entertainment, LLC dba Walter’s Bar and Romulus Lanes.

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

4. Chairperson’s Report:

15-394 **4A.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the tentative agreement between the City of Romulus and the Teamsters Local 214 Union through June 30, 2020.

Discussion: Councilwoman Makowski said that she would be remiss to vote yes this evening without the understanding of the full impact a yes vote would have on the city budget.

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

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

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

5. Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming events in the city.

Mayor presented certificates to those who helped in the “Paint the Town” project and to the top three winners of the “scarecrow” contest – 1) Fluff & Puff, 2) Romulus House, and 3) Team Cindy.

15-395

5A1. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a resolution to recognize Damian Hull on his graduation from the EMU Fire Staff and Command Executive Leadership Program.

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

15-396

5A. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** in compliance with MCLA 95.3, and Romulus City Council Resolution 09-348 (adopted October 26, 2009) to concur with the administration and re-appoint Gerald Wendland to the City of Romulus Cemetery Board of Trustees with a term to expire on November 1, 2020 and appoint Sheldon Chandler to fulfill the vacated appointment with a term to expire on November 1, 2017.

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

15-397

5B. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to extend Bid Award 14/15-02 with Accuform Printing and Graphics Inc. through 2016 for the printing of up to an additional four City newsletters.

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

15-398

5C. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement between the City of Romulus and the Detroit Water and Sewer Department for the installation of the 48” water main as part of the Wick Road reconstruction project at Vining Road. DWSD will reimburse for the total cost of the project and any costs incurred to the City, estimated construction cost is \$4,000,000.00.

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

15-399

5D. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to cover the cost of the DWSD 48” water main installation on Wick Road that the City will be reimbursed by DWSD 100 percent. This amendment is also contingent upon Council’s approval of the IGA.

<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>
WATER & SEWER FUND				
Revenue				
592-591-682.005	Reimbursement-DWSD Water Main	-	4,000,000	4,000,000
Expense				
592-591-980.005	Project Cost – DWSD Water Main	-	4,000,000	4,000,000

This budget amendment is to cover the cost of the DWSD 48” water main installation on Wick Road that the City will be reimbursed by DWSD 100%. This amendment is also contingent upon Council’s approval of the IGA.

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

15-400

5E. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Roscoe**, to authorize renewal of the annual Downriver Community Conference Mutual Aid Dues for the City of Romulus in the amount of \$8,214.12.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk’s Report:

City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg announced the Veterans Resource Fair, sponsored by Congressman John Conyers, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 at Westland City Hall from Noon until 3:00 p.m.

6B. Treasurer’s Report

7. Public Comment:

A resident complimented Roger Staten, Jr. on his work ethic.

A resident announced the formation of the Meadows Neighborhood Watch Group.

A resident commented on the street sweeper.

Members of St. John’s Lodge spoke about the great relationship they have with the City and thanked the mayor for the certificates they received for the “Paint the Town” project.

8. Unfinished Business:

Councilwoman Makowski requested further clarification regarding the earlier vote on the Teamsters Union contract: 1) The financial impact on the City of the one-time signing bonus, 2) The financial impact of the elimination of the furlough days, and 3) The bottom line financial impact of the retiree health care buyout option - how many employees?

9. New Business

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Makowski announced upcoming activities at the Romulus Library.

Councilwoman Roscoe announced “Can Do”.

Councilman Crout spoke about Helping Hands.

City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg gave a reminder about the Veteran’s Day Parade on Nov. 11, 2015 to start at 9:30 a.m.

15-401

11. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 15-21 in the amount of \$1,711,323.09.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

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

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 9, 2015.



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