

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 24, 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

Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk

1. **Agenda** – Approval of *Amended* Agenda.

2. **Minutes**

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held September 10, 2018.

B. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held September 10, 2018:
SAFER Grant (open session).

3. **Petitioner**

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

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

A. Extension of Bid Award 16/17-02, Contract Pricing, Computer Acquisitions.

B. ITB 17/18-37 – Four-year contract for water billing preparation, printing and mailing.

C. SEMCOG 2018/2019 Membership Dues.

D. Request for resolution to adopt Morgan Stanley/Lincoln Financial 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan.

E. Introduction of Budget Amendment 18/19-10, Community Development Block Grant.

F. Introduction of Budget Amendment 18/19-11, General Fund.

G. For Your Information:

1. Communication from Roberto Scappaticci, Director of Public Works, RE:
Emergency Purchase – Front Loader Tires.

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

1. ~~Proposed amendment to Romulus Ordinance Chapter 36, Section 172, regarding Basketball Hoops & Recreation Equipment in a public street or public right of way. (deleted).~~

2. Property Disposition Committee recommendations for sale of excess city-owned property.

3. Property Disposition Committee recommendation, 35319 Vinewood.

4. Romulus DDA Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, first reading.

5. ACTIA Electronics, 15385 Pine, Romulus, Application for a new IFT Exemption Certificate.

6. Kerr Corporation, 28200 Wick Rd. Romulus, Application for a new IFT Exemption Certificate.

7. Study session request from Mayor Burcroff on Oct. 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss City Purchasing Ordinance.

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 18-18** Checks presented in the amount of \$2,186,257.10.

12. **Adjournment**

1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to accept the agenda as amended.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-330 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 10, 2018.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-331 2B. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 10, 2018 – SAFER Grant (open session).

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Barden spoke about the Pumpkin Festival.

Mr. Barden read a resolution recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Cofield on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Councilman Wadsworth complimented Jazmine Danci, Chuck Lindenmuth, and Emory Long on the fine job they did working on the Parade of Lights.

Councilman Wadsworth also expressed the need for volunteers in order to have bingo games at next year's Pumpkin Festival.

Pastor Bob Harper of Ball Road Tabernacle spoke about the church's 80th Anniversary.

Dawn and Morris Snyder informed about their new restaurant on Goddard Rd. – "Clean to the Bone".

18-332 4A. Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a resolution to recognize Frances Amanda Sikes-Curtis.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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 introduced DDA Director, Merrie Druyor, who spoke about the Pumpkin Festival festivities.

Fire Chief, Kevin Krause, spoke about the Fire Cadet Program and introduced the coordinator of the Schoolcraft College cadet program who expounded on the fact that other cities are patterning their cadet programs after the City of Romulus.

Chief Krause then introduced four City of Romulus Fire Cadets.

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

18-333 **5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and extend Bid Award 16/17-02 with Zones Inc. for the acquisition of computer hardware, software and software licensing for the City of Romulus Technology Services Department for an additional year (to expire on Oct. 10, 2019.)

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

18-334 **5B.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and amend the four-year contract with Lasercom LLC (previously awarded on April 11, 2018, Resolution # 18-151) for the printing of water bills ITB 17/18-34 with the revised pricing of \$0.125 each (additional \$4,125 annually).

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

18-335 **5C.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to authorize payment to SEMCOG in the amount of \$2,728.00. Said dues are for membership from June 15, 2018 through June 15, 2019.

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

18-336 **5D.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a resolution to adopt Morgan Stanley/Lincoln Financial 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for City employees.

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

18-337 **5E.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-10 to transfer the remaining reimbursable grant balances from the 17/18 budget into the current 18/19 budget.

FUND/DEPT.		CURRENT		AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
Community Development Block Grant				
Revenue				
252-000-501.100	Grant Revenue – Federal	253,540	31,822	285,362
Expense				
252-000-831.017	Gen Admin 17-24-21A	-	7,758	7,758
252-000-844.017	Senior Services 17-24-05A	-	5,211	5,211
252-000-848.016	Park/Rec Facilities 16-24-03F	-	782	782
252-000-887.016	Economic Dev 16-24-18A	-	2,410	2,410
252-000-887.017	Economic Dev 17-24-14E	84,470	15,661	100,131
To transfer the remaining reimbursable grant balances from the 17/18 budget into the current 18/19 budget.				

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

18-338 **5F.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-11 to recognize the Assistance to Firefighter Grant revenue and corresponding expense for the Fire Prevention Grant accepted by City Council on August 27, 2018 (Res. # 18-291).

FUND/DEPT.		CURRENT		AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET

General Fund

Revenue

101-336-501.044	Assistance to Firefighter Grant	-	23,334	23,334
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Expense

101-336-818.336	Contractual Services - AFG	1,666	23,334	25,000
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To recognize the Assistance to Firefighter Grant revenue and corresponding expense for the Fire Prevention Grant accepted by City Council on August 27, 2018 (Res # 18-291).

Note: This has no impact to the General Fund's fund balance.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

***6A1.** Deleted from agenda.

18-339 **6A2 (a).** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee to approve the following excess city-owned parcel to be re-listed for sale with Metro Realty. The listing agreement shall provide that the sale is subject to Council approval – 80 014 03 0174 000 aka 6052 Essex. (Approval was first granted by City Council on October 23, 2017 via Resolution 17-358.)

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-340 **6A2 (b).** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee to approve excess city-owned parcels to be listed for sale with Metro Realty (following demolition by Realty Transition LLC in accordance with the 2017 “Development Agreement”). The listing agreement shall provide that the sale is subject to Council approval:

80 015 99 0007 000 aka 6578 Washington

80 020 01 0068 300 aka 36282 Park Place

80 044 01 0495 000 aka 7331 Kempa

80 048 99 0002 000 aka 28585 Smith

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-341 **6A3.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the sale of Parcel 80 015 99 0033 000, vacant residential land located on Vinewood to Ky Shrode for the full listing price of \$6,000.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-342 **6A4.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to approve first reading of the Romulus DDA Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

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

18-343 **6A5.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments regarding ACTIA Electronics Inc. request for a new IFT Exemption Certificate at 15385 Pine, Romulus.

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

18-344 **6A6.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Talley** to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. to hear comments regarding Kerr Corporation request for a new IFT Exemption Certificate at 28200 Wick Road, Romulus.

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

18-345 **6A7.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule a study session on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the City Purchasing Ordinance.

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

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment

The treasurer of the APA Organization read a letter of thank you to Councilwoman Williams for her contributions to the APA's 77th Anniversary celebration.

Jan Lemmon, Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, announced that the VFW is having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, October 5, 2018 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. to help replace the money that was stolen from them in a recent burglary at the VFW Hall.

Reverend Talley spoke about Romulus Community Schools.

8. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth asked if water testing results are available for residents to view and Mayor Burcroff informed that water testing results are public information.

9. New Business

10. Communication

Councilwoman Williams spoke about the Romulus Community Schools.

Councilwoman Talley spoke about City events.

18-346 11. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-18 in the amount of \$2,186,257.10.

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 September 24, 2018.



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