

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 28, 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, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

**1. Agenda – Approval.**

**2. Minutes**

**A.** Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held July 14, 2014.

**B.** Approval of the minutes from the special meetings held July 14, 2014:

5:00 p.m. closed session –Attorney opinion/Purchase of real estate.

5:30 p.m. study session – Charter amendment ballot proposal language.

6:00 p.m. study session - AccuMed Billing Service Agreement.

6:30 p.m. study session - Ordinance Amendment Chapter 36, Offenses pertaining to minors.

7:00 p.m. study session - City quarterly investments.

7:15 p.m. study session – Ordinance amendment re: land split fees.

**3. Petitioner:** None.

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

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

**A.** Sub-recipient Agreement – City of Romulus, Wayne County CDBG Program, Thomas J. Coleman Center.

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

**1.** Second reading, final adoption of City Ordinance Chapter 36 Offenses Pertaining to Minors.

**2.** Second reading, final adoption of City Ordinance Chapter 54 Section 185 Land Splits.

**3.** Request approval of traffic control order.

**4.** Request approval for re-worded ballot language to amend City Charter Chapter 13, Sections 1 & 2.

**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 14-14** Checks presented for approval: \$1,572,026.32

**12. Adjournment**

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

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

Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**14-294**      **2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 14, 2014.

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

**14-295**      **2B.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 14, 2014:

5:00 p.m. closed session – Attorney opinion/purchase of real estate  
5:30 p.m. study session - Charter amendment ballot proposal language  
6:00 p.m. study session - AccuMed Billing Service Agreement  
6:30 p.m. study session - Ordinance amendment, Chapter 36, Offenses Pertaining to Minors  
7:00 p.m. study session - City quarterly investments  
7:15 p.m. study session - Ordinance amendment, RE: Land Split Fees

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

**3. Petitioner:** None.

**14-296**      **4A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to send a proclamation to the owners of the Romulus Little Paper.

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

**4. Chairperson’s Report:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Barden announced that the Romulus Little Paper will no longer be in business. He read a letter of appreciation sent from the APA thanking elected officials for attending the 2014 Romulus Community Festival.

Mayor Burcroff asked for a moment of silence be held in respect of the tragic accident that happened in the community this past week and Captain Derran Shelby also spoke about it.

**4.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** 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 asked Ben Mach, new Eagle Scout, to speak about his Eagle project. Ben shared how he built wheelchair accessible gardening boxes to be placed at the Senior Center.

Mayor Burcroff also informed the citizens that Pennsylvania Road will be under construction.

**14-297**      **5A1.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Emogene Anderson.

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

Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**4-298** **5A2.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a resolution recognizing Ben Mach on becoming an Eagle Scout.

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

**14-299** **5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and approve the sub-recipient agreement between the City of Romulus and the APA Thomas J. Coleman Center for expenditure of their allocation of \$36,000 for the proposed community park and building repairs.

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

**14-300** **6A1 (a).** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Louise Briody.

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

**14-301** **6A1 (b).** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Xaher Elezi.

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

**14-302** **6A1.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve second reading, final adoption of City Ordinance Chapter 36, Offenses, Article IX, Offenses Pertaining to Minors.

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

**14-303** **6A2.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of City Ordinance Chapter 54, Section 185 to provide that Council, may by resolution from time-to-time, establish fees for applications for land splits.

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

**14-304** **6A3.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve a traffic control order for the placement of “no parking fire lane” signs on the fire hydrant side of the roads contained in the Fairways at Gateway – in accordance with Chapter 22, Section 50 of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

**14-305** **6A4.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve the re-worded ballot language to amend City Charter Chapter 13, Sections 1 and 2 to place on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

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

**CITY OF ROMULUS**  
**Resolution 14-305**

Present: Councilpersons: Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.  
Absent: None.

At the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council of Romulus, Michigan, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan on July 28, 2014, the following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Choate, and seconded by Councilwoman Makowski to authorize the following proposed language to be placed on the November 4, 2014 ballot to amend Chapter XIII, Section 13.1 – Limitation and Section 13.2 – Material purchases in the Romulus City Charter as set forth below.

**WHEREAS**, Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, Section 13.1 entitled “Limitations” and Section 13.2 entitled “Material purchases” requires advertisement for sealed bids in a paper of circulation within the City of Romulus; and **WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the elimination of the requirement would be in the best interest of the City and by so doing allow for the City to participate in alternatives such as electronic proposals and extendable or cooperative bids from other government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to accomplish this purpose, it is necessary for the electorate to amend the City Charter at an election to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the amendment of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter be placed on the ballot on the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot for consideration by the electorate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, Sections 13.1 and 13.2 will be amended to read as follows, by the removal of the requirement to advertise for sealed proposals in a paper of circulation within the City:

***CHAPTER XIII. CONTRACTS – Section 13.1, Limitation***

*The City may contract for the performance of any public work or the making of any public improvement or may perform or make the same itself through its departments, officers and employees; provided, however, that it shall not itself make any new public improvements or perform public works exceeding the applicable amount set forth by the Council in the Romulus Purchasing Ordinance until it has first advertised for sealed proposals therefore. The City shall have the right to reject any or all such proposals. The Purchasing Ordinance and any amendments thereto, contemplated under this section, shall have been approved by not less than a 2 / 3 majority of the Council Elect.*

***Section 13.2, Material purchases***

*No contract shall be entered into by the City for the purchase of any material, tools, apparatus or any other thing or things, the consideration or cost of which shall exceed the applicable amount set forth by the Council in the Romulus Purchasing Ordinance until after an opportunity for competitive bidding; and until it has first advertised for sealed proposals. The City shall have the right to reject any or all such proposals. The Purchasing Ordinance, and any amendments thereto, contemplated under this section, shall have been approved by not less than a 2 / 3 majority of the Council elect.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the below proposed ballot language to amend Chapter XIII of the City of Romulus Charter be submitted to the Attorney General and the Governor of the State of Michigan for their approval and for placement on the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot pursuant to MCL 117.22.

**Proposed Amendment of City of Romulus Charter to amend Chapter XIII Contracts:**

**Proposed amendment to Romulus Chtr Sec. 13.1**

Section 13.1 of the city charter currently requires newspaper publication of an advertisement requesting sealed bids for contracts or projects of public works and public improvements when the value of the contracts or projects exceeds the amount set forth in the City’s Purchasing Ordinance. The proposed amendment deletes the requirement for newspaper publication of requests for sealed bids while retaining the requirement for competitive bidding by sealed bid.

Shall the amendment be adopted?    Yes { }    No { }

**Proposed amendment to Romulus Chtr Sec. 13.2**

Section 13.2 of the city charter currently requires newspaper publication of an advertisement requesting sealed proposals when the City purchases any material, tools, apparatus, or other things, when their cost exceeds the amount set forth in the City's Purchasing Ordinance. The proposed amendment deletes the requirement for newspaper publication of requests for sealed proposals while retaining the requirement for competitive bidding by sealed proposal.

Shall the amendment be adopted? Yes { } No { }

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**6B. Treasurer's Report**

**7. Public Comment:**

Three residents spoke on the problem with fireworks and teenagers loitering in their neighborhood.

Several residents spoke about the tragic accident that occurred on Beverly Road.

Jan Lemmon, Cemetery Board Chairperson, commented on the beauty of the cemetery.

Gina Steward, from the Telegram Newspaper, commented that the Telegram is in circulation in the City of Romulus.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

**14-306**

**9A.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Armani Gipson.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**10. Communication**

**14-307**

**11.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to approve Warrant 14-14 in the amount of \$1,572.026.32.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Roscoe, 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 July 28, 2014.



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