

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 10, 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, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

**Excused:** Harry Crout.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

**1. \*Amended Agenda\* – Approval.**

**2. Minutes**

**A.** Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held March 3, 2014.

**B.** Approval of special meeting minutes held March 3, 2014:

6:30 p.m. Study Session – Goddard Road Update and Bonding Requirements.

**3. Petitioner**

**A.** Special land use for PC-2014-002/003; Terra Contracting Outdoor Storage (6760 Metroplex)

~~**B.** Lydia Gold, Care Management & Project manager of Senior Alliance Services. Deleted\*~~

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

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

**A. For Your Information:**

**1.** Communication from DPW RE: Emergency repair – vehicle #102.

**2.** Communication from Robert McCraight, Public Services Director, RE: Emergency repair vehicle #E-4.

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

**1.** Two study session requests from Finance Director, Debra Hoffman, to discuss proposed 2014-15 City Budget.

**2.** Study session request from Fire Chief, David Allison, to discuss Amended & Restated Inter-local Agreement.

**3.** Study session request from City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, to discuss City Quarterly Report.

**4.** First reading of amended policies 13, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24 and 25 and new policy 32, social media.

**5.** First reading of amended Code of Ethics, Romulus Code of Ordinances.

**6.** Study session request from Cemetery Board of Trustees to discuss Romulus Cemetery.

**7.** Study session request from Chief of Staff, Robert Dickerson to discuss a proposed Host Agreement.

**8.** Resolution for a moratorium for medical marijuana requests.

**For Your Information:**

**1.** City of Romulus Planning Commission 2013 Annual Report.

**2.** Notice of Hearing – DTE Customers – March 24, 2014, 10:00 a.m. 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 14-05** Checks presented for approval: \$741,512.99

**12. Adjournment**

1. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to accept the **Amended** Agenda as presented.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**14-088**

**2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 3, 2014.

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

Nays – None.

Abstain - Roscoe

Motion Carried.

**14-089**

**2B.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting (Study Session)of the Romulus City Council held on March 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the Goddard Road Update and Bonding Requirements.

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

Nays – None.

Abstain - Roscoe

Motion Carried.

**14-090**

**3A. Petitioner** - Special land use for PC-2014-002/003; Terra Contracting Outdoor Storage (6760 Metroplex)

Petitioners Vaughn Martin of Wade Trim; Steve Minella of Terra Contracting Services and Atty. Howard Goldman appeared before council to seek approval for special land use to construct a 159 ft x 120ft gravel outdoor storage facility located at 6760 Metroplex and gave an overview of the project.

Moved by **Makowski** , seconded by **Roscoe** to approve Special Land Use for PC-2014-002/003; Terra Contracting Outdoor Storage (6760 Metroplex)

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**4. Chairperson's Report:**

Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden commented on the RHS Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball teams and upcoming games.

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**5. Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Burcroff commented and thanked the DPW workers for their hard work regarding the potholes in Romulus.

**14-091**

**5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to adopt a resolution acknowledging the retirement of Sharon Raftary, former IT Director.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**14-092** **5B.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a resolution acknowledging the retirement of Wiley Montgomery, DPW employee.

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

**14-093** **6A1.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Choate** to approve two (2) study session requests from Finance Director, Debra Hoffman for **Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:00pm and Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00 pm** to discuss the proposed 2014-15 budget.

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

**14-094** **6A2.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve a fifteen-minute study session request from Fire Chief, David Allison for **Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:00pm** to discuss the “Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement”.

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

**14-095** **6A3.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve a fifteen-minute study session request from City Treasurer, Stacy Paige for **Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:15pm** to discuss the City Quarterly Financial Report.

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

**14-096** **6A4.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve first reading of Amended Policies #'s:  
13, Municipal Vehicle Use;  
17, Benefit Administration – Non-Union, Non-Exempt Employee;  
18, Benefit Administration- Executive, Exempt Employees;  
22, Travel and Expense Allowance;  
23, Worker’s Compensation;  
24, Medical Leave/Absences from Work for Medical Reasons;  
25, Tuition Reimbursement;

In addition, introduction and first reading of new policy #32, Social Media.

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

**14-097** **6A5.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve first reading of the Amended Code of Ethics, Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

**14-098** **6A6.** Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Choate** to approve a one-hour study session request from Cemetery Board Chairperson, Jan Lemmon, for **March 24, 2014 at 5:00pm** to discuss the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

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

**14-099**      **6A7.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve a one-hour study session request from Chief of Staff, Robert Dickerson, for Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:00pm to discuss a proposed Host Agreement.

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

**14-100**      **6A8.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a resolution for a 90-day Moratorium on approval of requests for uses of parcels under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act by the Planning Commission or City Council.

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

**7. Public Comment: None.**

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

**10. Communication**

**14-101**      **11.** Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve Warrant 14-05 in the amount of \$741,512.99.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, 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, 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 March 10, 2014.



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