

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MAY 24, 2010
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS,
MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem LeRoy D. Burcroff.

Present: John Barden, LeRoy Burcroff, Linda Choate, William Crova, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Betsey Krampitz, Chief-of-Staff
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

1. Agenda

2. Minutes

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held May 10, 2010.

3. Petitioner:

- A. PC 2009-014, H & R Properties – Requesting Special Land Use Approval/Site Plan Review – Northeast Corner of Middlebelt and Hildebrandt.
- B. PC 2009-025, Nazir Jawich – Subway with Drive-Thru – Requesting Special Land Use Approval 35335 Eureka Road.
- C. PC Case 2010-005, Tracie Bland, Requesting Special Land Use Approval for a Group Child Day Care Home for 7-12 Children – Hours of Operation – 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday.
- D. Kamil and Annette Metz from Seventh-Day Adventist Church – Requesting to Canvass the Area with Religious Material.
- E. ViLinda Everett and Scott Guy Regarding Dzigned 4 U Training Program Support.

4. Chairperson's Report, LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor Pro Tem

5. Mayor's Report – Alan R. Lambert, Mayor

- A. Introduction of Budget Amendment 09/10-15, State Narcotics Forfeiture Fund.
- B. Introduction of Budget Amendment 09/10-16, General Fund.

6A Administrative Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

- 1. Request for Study Session from Abbie Akins, Assistant Finance Director.
- 2. Board of Zoning Appeals Re-Appointments.
- 3. Approval to Establish a New Polling Location and Move Precincts 7 and 11 from Mt. Pleasant School to Barth School.
- 4. Request to Adopt a Resolution to Amend Romulus City Charter 11.1 Taxation; General Powers; and Adopt a Resolution to Schedule a Special Election to Place Proposed Charter Amendment on the August 3, 2010 Ballot.

For Your Information:

- 1. Notice of Hearing for Electric Customers of Detroit Edison.

6B Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

7. Discussion

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Communication

11. Warrant 10-10

12. Adjournment

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden, to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-142

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Webb to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 10, 2010.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Wadsworth, Webb.

Nays – None.

Abstain: Roscoe.

Motion Carried.

10-143

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve PC 2009-014, H & R Properties Special Land Use request at the northeast corner of Middlebelt and Hildebrandt.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-144

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Roscoe to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve PC 2009-025, Nazir Jawich, Special Land use request at 35335 Eureka Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-145

3C. Motion by Roscoe, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve PC Case 2010-005, Tracie Bland, Special Land Use request at 6225 Chamberlain.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3D. No Action Taken.

3E. Petitioner-No Show.

10-146

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution recognizing the retirement of Mr. Hanna, Romulus High School teacher.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.
 Nays – None.
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Choate to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.
 Nays – None.
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-147

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Webb to concur with the recommendation of Debra Hoffman, Finance Director, to introduce Budget Amendment 09/10-15 for covert operations (buy money, informants) and general operating expenses through June 30, 2010.

<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>
STATE NARCOTICS FORFEITURE FUND				
<u>Expense</u>				
268-3720-738.73-05	State Operating Supplies	226,300	50,000	276,300
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
268-0000-390.00-00	State Forfeitures Fund Balance	569,884	(50,000)	519,884

For covert operations (buy money, informants) and general operating expenses through June 30, 2010.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.
 Nays – None.
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-148

5B. Motion by Choate, supported by Roscoe to concur with the recommendation of Debra Hoffman, Finance Director, to introduce Budget Amendment 09/10-16 to appropriate additional funds to cover attorney fees through June 30, 2010.

<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>Expense</u>				
101-1220-712.77-11	Gen Municipal Attorney Fees	100,000	42,000	142,000
101-1220-712.77-14	Atty Fees - Labor Relations	35,000	23,000	58,000
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
101-0000-390.00-00	General Fund Balance	4,206,603	(65,000)	4,141,603

To appropriate additional funds to cover attorney fees through June 30, 2010.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.
 Nays – None.
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-149

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Roscoe to schedule a Study Session with Abbie Akins, Assistant Finance Director, for Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a new methodology for billing City of Romulus water and sewer customers and discuss the newly-proposed rate structure.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.
 Nays – None.
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-150

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to schedule an Executive Advisory Meeting for Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. to review re-appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.
 Nays – None.
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-151

6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Webb to approve the establishment of a new polling location and move Precincts 7 and 11 from Mt. Pleasant School to Barth School - located at 35200 Barth Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-152

6A4a. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Clerk's request to amend the Romulus City Charter, Section 11.1 Taxation; General Powers.

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR
POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE**

**City of Romulus, County of Wayne,
State of Michigan**

At the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held on the 24th day of May, 2010, at City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan at 7:30 o'clock p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Romulus, Michigan, as follows:

1. The City Council by at least a three-fifths votes of its members-elect, pursuant to the authority granted by Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended, proposes that Section 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus, shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 11.1. Taxation; General Powers.

The City shall have the power to assess taxes and levy and collect rents, tolls and excises. The City shall not have the power to levy an income tax. The annual ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed ten (10) mills of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City as equalized by the State, exclusive of any levy required for the payment of principal and interest on present Township sewer and water indebtedness or on outstanding bonds of the City and exclusive of any levy authorized by statute to be made beyond the Charter tax rate limitation. In addition, the City shall have the power to levy an ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed 0.3 percent (3 mills) of the taxable valuation of all such real and personal property for five (5) years, from 2010 through 2014, for police and fire services.

The existing Section 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus to be altered by such proposal, if adopted, now reads as follows:

Section 11.1. Taxation; General Powers.

The City shall have the power to assess taxes and levy and collect rents, tolls and excises. The City shall not have the power to levy an income tax. The annual ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed ten (10) mills of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City as equalized by the State, exclusive of any levy required for the payment of principal and interest on present Township sewer and water indebtedness or on outstanding bonds of the City and exclusive of any levy authorized by statute to be made beyond the Charter tax rate limitation.

2. The proposed amendment to Section 11.1 shall be submitted to the electors in the following form:

**ROMULUS CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT
FOR POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES MILLAGE**

Shall Section 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, be amended so as to permit the levy by the City of an additional ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed three (3) mills for five (5) years, from 2010 through 2014, for the sole purpose of paying for police and fire services?

YES

NO

3. The City Clerk shall transmit copies of the proposed amendment of Section 11.1 of the City Charter to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval, and transmit a copy of the foregoing statement of purpose of the proposed amendment of Section 11.1 of the City Charter to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval, as required by law.

4. The proposed charter amendment of Section 11.1 shall be, and the same is hereby ordered to be, submitted to the qualified electors of this City at the special election to be held in the City of Romulus, the 3rd day of August, 2010, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration thereof in the manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the charter amendment to the vote of the electors as required by law.

5. The proposed amendment of Section 11.1 shall be published in full together with the existing charter provision altered or abrogated thereby as part of the notice of election.

6. The canvass and determination of votes of said question shall be made in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the Charter of the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-153

6A4b. Motion by Crova, supported by Webb to concur with the Clerk's request, in accordance with Section 8.6 of the Romulus City Charter – Special Elections, to call for a Special Election for the purpose of placing the proposed amendment to the Romulus City Charter, Section 11.1 on the August 3, 2010 Primary Election ballot.

CITY OF ROMULUS

Resolution

Romulus Charter Amendment

To adopt a resolution, in accordance with Section 8.6 of the Romulus City Charter, calling for a Special Election to be held August 3, 2010 to submit the following proposed language to be placed on the ballot amending Section 11.1 Taxation; General Powers:

WHEREAS: The proposed amendment to Section 11.1 shall be submitted to the electors in the following form:

ROMULUS CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES MILLAGE

Shall Section 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, be amended so as to permit the levy by the City of an additional ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed three (3) mills for five (5) years, from 2010 through 2014, for the sole purpose of paying for police and fire services?

[] YES

[] NO

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The proposed charter amendment to Section 11.1 shall be, and the same is hereby ordered to be, submitted to the qualified electors of this City at a special City election to be held on the same day as the general primary election to be held in the City of Romulus, the 3rd day of August, 2010, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration thereof in the manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the charter amendment to the vote of the electors as required by law.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

10-154

11. Motion by Barden, supported by Roscoe to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 10-10 in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$715,742.71).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.
Nays – None.
Abstain: Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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 May 24, 2010.



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