

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 7, 2008 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem William Wadsworth.

Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Harry Crout, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Gear.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

1. Agenda

2. Minutes

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held June 23, 2008.

3. Petitioner-Deleted.**

4. Chairpersons Report, Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

5. Mayors Report - Alan Lambert, Mayor

A. Official Payments Contract.

B. Request to Schedule a Public Hearing – City of Romulus Sign/Zoning Ordinance.

C. Introduction of Budget Amendment 07/08-29.

D. Introduction of Budget Amendment 07/08-30 – General Fund.

E. Introduction of Budget Amendment 07/08-31 – Retiree’s Insurance Benefit Fund.

F. Introduction of Budget Amendment 07/09-01 – Downtown Development Authority.

6A. Administrative Report - Linda R. Choate, Clerk

1. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 07/08-28.

2. Appendix B, Chapter 38-Romulus Employees Pension Plan Amendments.

3. Request to schedule a Study Session on July 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Detention/Retention Ponds and Fencing.

4. Revised Policy #31, Notary Public Service.

For Your Information:

1. County Sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

2. Comcast Price Change Notification.

3. Riverview City Resolution in support of Senate Bill 864: which would allow Waste to be deposited in Landfills that Convert the Methane Gases derived there from into Reusable Energy.

7. Discussion

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Communication

11. Adjournment

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-195

2. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 23, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Abstain – Burcroff, Wadsworth.
Motion Carried.

3A. ****Deleted****.

08-196

4A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of special legal council in the matter of Crown Enterprises Inc.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-197

4A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of special legal council in the matter of International Outdoor Corporation.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-198

4A3. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to proceed with the recommendation of special legal council in the matter of the Van Buren property.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-199

4A4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Finance Director, Debbie Hoffman, Derrick Schueller, Assistant DPW Director and Special Legal Council and adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a mutual release agreement in the matter of Metro Commons.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-200

4A5. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to adopt a resolution recognizing the 2008 Curry Family Reunion.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-201

4A6. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Owen Treder.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-202

5A. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Abbie Akins, Assistant Finance Director and Legal Counsel to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a service agreement with Official Payments Corporation to allow for “electronic check” payments to the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-203

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with Cynthia I. Lyons, AICP, City Planner to schedule a study session to be held on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-204

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-29:

<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>
<u>General Fund</u>				
<u>Expense</u>				
101-1310-713	Clerk Personal Serv.	277,239	4,858	282,097

101-1320-713	Election Personal Serv.	51,440	4,227	55,667
101-1410-714	Treasurer Pers. Serv.	266,391	11,938	278,329
101-2110-721	Assessor Pers. Serv.	323,382	14,922	338,304
101-3210-732	Ordinance Pers. Serv.	147,475	2,558	150,033
101-3310-733	Animal Control Pers.Serv.	146,830	1,602	148,432
101-3810-738	Planning Pers. Serv.	117,755	5,276	123,031
101-3910-739	Building Safety Pers.Serv.	720,198	36,594	756,792
101-4110-741	DPW Personal Services	82,141	3,968	86,109
101-5110-751	Recreation Personal Services	214,174	21,477	235,651
101-5120-752	Library Personal Services	38,542	2,813	41,355
<u>Contingency</u>				
101-2920-729.89-01	General Fund Contingencies	236,384	(110,233)	126,151
Major Road Fund				
<u>Expense</u>				
202-42XX	Mayor Roads Personal Serv.	195,754	31,137	226,891
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
202-0000-390.00-00	Major Roads Personal Serv.	811,583	(31,137)	780,446
Local Street Fund				
<u>Expense</u>				
203-43XX	Local Streets Person Serv.	292,146	27,344	319,490
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
203-0000-390.00-00	Local Streets Fund Balance	65,009	(27,344)	37,665
Downtown Development Authority				
<u>Expense</u>				
<u>Revenue</u>				
295-7410	DDA Personal Services	94,848	3,313	98,161
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
295-0000-390.00-00	DDA Fund Balance	67,563	(3,313)	64,250
Tax Increment Finance Authority				
<u>Expense</u>				
297-7210	TIFA Personal Services	194,724	2,802	197,526
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
297-0000-390.00-00	TIFA Fund Balance	14,946,137	(2,802)	14,943,355
Water & Sewer Fund				
<u>Expense</u>				
592-4510	Water Personal Services	692,363	50,613	742,976
592-4520	Sewer Personal Services	692,363	50,613	742,976
<u>Retained Earnings</u>				
592-0000-395.00-00	Water & Sewer Retained Earnings	4,952,696	(101,226)	4,851,470
Motor Vehicle Pool Fund				
<u>Expense</u>				
661-4410	MVF Personal Services	390,901	28,873	419,774
<u>Contingency</u>				
661-4410-744.89-01	Contingencies	2,395	(2,395)	0
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
661-0000-395.00-00	Motor Veh. Fund Retained Earnings	82,325	(26,478)	55,847

To compensate for the increases in wages for all Teamster employees retroactively from July 1, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
 Nays – None.
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-205

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-30:

<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>				
101-3210-732.74-17	Ordinance Weed Cutting	48,000	10,000	58,000
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
101-0000-390.00-00	General Fund Balance	3,941,783	(10,000)	3,931,783

To cover cost of additional grass cutting of private lots due to unusually high vacancies throughout the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
 Nays – None.
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-206

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-31:

<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>
Retiree's Ins. Benefits Fund				
<u>Revenue</u>				
676-0000-410.60-70	Insurance Charge for Services	1,102,245	16,768	1,119,013
<u>Expense</u>				
676-8110-881.72-42	Retiree's Prescription Reimb.	0	300	300
676-8110-881.74-55	Retiree's Health Care	868,293	5,590	873,883
<u>Retained Earnings</u>				
676-0000-395.00-00	Retiree's Insurance Benefits	2,188,012	10,878	2,198,890

To reflect an increase in revenue that is based on a percentage of wages and 2) to show the increase in health care cost and to show the increase in health care cost and the newly instituted prescription co-pay reimbursement in 07/08.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
 Nays – None.
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-207

5F. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 08/09-01:

<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>
Downtown Development Authority				
<u>Expense</u>				
295-7410-774.90-10	DDA Project Costs	200,000	160,996	360,996

Fund Balance

101-0000-390.00-00	DDA Fund Balance	188,589	(160,996)	27,593
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To move unused project funds from the 07/08 budget to the 08/09 budget to cover the DDA Monument Sign and other DDA projects.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-208

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 07/08-28, State Narcotic Forfeiture Fund, introduced at the Council Meeting held June 23, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-209

6A2. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff to introduce an amendment to the Romulus Code of Ordinances Appendix B, Chapter 38, Section 38.5.9(a)(v) Employees Pension Plan to provide Loan Limitation Eligibility to participant financial hardship.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Bragg, Burcroff, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays – Barden, Crout.

Motion Carried.

08-210

6A3. Motion by Crout, supported by Barden to schedule a study session for the purpose of discussing detention/retention pond fencing for July 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-211

6A4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce a revised policy #31- Notary Public Service, that the City of Romulus may charge a ten (10.00) dollar fee for notarizing a document.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.

Nays – Crova.

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, 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 7, 2008.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan