

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 25, 2011**

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 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, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

1. **Agenda** – Approval. **Amended** to add **5(1) and 5(2)**
2. **Minutes**
  - A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held July 11, 2011.
3. **Petitioner**
  - A. Alan Richards, Promotions Director, Ball Road Tabernacle Church, 7007 Ball Road, requesting a no-fee permit for “Patriots Ride for Hunger Festival”, non-profit fundraiser for “Nitch-for-the-Needy” Food Bank and Resource Center on Sept. 10, 2011.
  - B. Angelena Dickson-Moore of 16388 Harrison – requesting a no-fee permit for a family gathering on August 13, 2011 and to allow parking on the left side of Harrison between Braeburn and Sequoia on same date.
  - C. MK Hospitality Management LLC, - request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2011 Class C licensed business at 205-211 W. Congress, Detroit, MI from Confidential Inc.; transfer location under MCL 436.153(1) to 31500 Wick Rd. Romulus, MI.
4. **Chairperson’s Report** – **LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor Pro Tem**
5. **Mayor’s Report** – **Alan R. Lambert, Mayor**
  - (1) Request approval for a new property tax exemption, PA 328 of 1988, as amended, to General Motors, LLC.
  - (2) Request to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a services agreement between the City of Romulus and General Motors, LLC.
    - A. Extension of Bid Award 06/07-02, pavement marking county office supply bid.
    - B. Bid Award 10/11-14; three-year cooperative Oakland County office supply bid.
    - C. Bid Award 10/11-31, cellular telephone services.
    - D. The Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2012.
    - E. Police station HVAC improvements.
    - F. Introduction of Budget Amendment 10/11-29, general fund.
    - G. Request for resolution – Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) #54 requirements.
    - H. **For Your Information:**
      1. Communication from Thomas Wilson, DPW Director – RE: Emergency Repair, Fire Engine #4.
- 6A. **Clerk’s Report** – **Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
- 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 11-14** Checks presented for approval - \$699,696.87.
- 12. **Adjournment**

1. Moved by Crova, seconded by Choate to accept the agenda as amended.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 11-212 2A.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 11, 2011.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 11-213 3A.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Barden to grant a no-fee permit to Ball Road Tabernacle Church, 7007 Ball Road, Romulus for a non-profit fundraiser “Patriots Ride for Hunger Freedom Festival” on Saturday, September 10, 2011 with proceeds to go to “Nitch-for-the-Needy” Food Bank and Resource Center.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**3B.** No action required by Council.

- 11-214 3C.** Moved by Choate, seconded by Crova to concur with the police department and approve the MK Hospitality LLC, request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2011 Class C licensed business with official permit (food) located at 205-211 W. Congress, Detroit, MI 48226, Wayne County from Confidential Inc.; transfer location (governmental unit) under MCL 436.1531(1) to 31500 Wick, Romulus, MI 48174, Wayne County and request to add new SDM license, dance-entertainment permit and two additional bar permits (for a total of three bars). No topless dancing will be allowed and owner must comply with all city ordinances and obtain a valid certificate of occupancy and business license.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 11-215 4A1.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to recognize VFW Post 1869 for all their efforts in the past year promoting anti-drugs and safety programs for children, teens and parents.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**11-216** **4A2.** Moved by Crova, seconded by Barden to approve a no-fee and special events sign to be placed at 10940 South Wayne Road to advertise the Farmers Market. The temporary sign will stay at the location through the end of August, 2011.

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

**4.** Moved by Crova, seconded by Choate to accept the chairperson’s report.

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

**11-217** **5(1).** Moved by Webb, seconded by Roscoe to approve an application for a New Personal Property Tax Exemption, PA 328 of 1998, as amended , to General Motors, LLC:

WHEREAS, the applicant, General Motors, LLC, has filed an application for Exemption of New Personal Property for property located at 36880 Ecorse Road, Romulus, MI 48174, as provided by PA 328 of 1998, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Romulus meets the definition of an “Eligible Local Assessing District” under PA 328 of 1998, as amended, MCL 211.9f(8)(g), by virtue of containing an eligible distressed area as defined by MCL 211.9f(8)(f)(ii), in accordance with PA 24 of 1995, as amended, MCL207.809; and  
WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended, after a March 18, 1975 public hearing, on March 18, 1975 the City Council of the City of Romulus lawfully established an Industrial Development District and this Industrial Development District constitutes an “eligible district” under PA 328 of 1998, as amended, MCL 211.9F; and

WHEREAS, under PA 328 of 1998, as amended, MCL 211.9f, General Motors, LLC, meets the definition of an “Eligible Business,” is an ‘eligible taxpayer,’ and is engaged primarily in manufacturing at locations 36880 Ecorse Road, Romulus, MI 48174 (hereinafter the “Facility”); and

WHEREAS, the new personal property was not placed in the facility within the eligible district prior to approval of the exemption by the City Council of the city of Romulus; and

WHEREAS, General Motors, LLC, is not delinquent on any taxes related to the facility, including taxes owed on existing personal property; and

WHEREAS, the applicant must promptly enter into a services agreement with the City of Romulus that is acceptable to the City of Romulus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Romulus to hereby grant General Motors, LLC, a New Personal Property Exemption pursuant to the provisions of PA 328 of 1998, as amended, for personal property, which after the adoption of this Resolution is placed in the Facility and within the Industrial Development District at 36880 Ecorse Road, Romulus, MI 48174. This General Property Tax Act exemption for such personal property shall be for a period of 25 years, beginning December 31, 2011, and ending December 30, 2036, pursuant to the provisions of PA 328 of 1998, as amended.

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

**11-218** **5(2).** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crova to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a services agreement between the City of Romulus and General Motors, LLC:

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 328 of 1998, which is section 9f of Michigan's General Property Tax Act and MCL 211.9f, permits the City to enact a resolution exempting certain personal property within the City; and

WHEREAS, in the City the Company has a manufacturing facility (hereinafter referred to as the "Plant"), which has over one million square feet of floor area; and

WHEREAS, the Company has advised the City that it is considering a project (the "Project"), which if approved and implemented as currently contemplated, is expected to result in the Company's investing approximately \$300,000,000 at the Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Company has advised the City that for the Company to approve and implement the Project, conditions that must be satisfied include but are not limited to personal property tax exemption for twenty-five tax years for the personal property to be placed in service at the Plant and adoption by the City of the resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A (hereinafter the "Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the City is willing to adopt the Resolution and approve the personal property exemption the Company desires as long as the Company enters into this Agreement, which provides in part that under specified circumstances the Company will make payments to insure that the City will be able to provide certain services for police, fire, emergency preparedness and response support (including homeland security), and other essential services to the Company; and

WHEREAS, the Company is willing to enter into this Agreement to confirm that under specified circumstances the Company will make payments to insure that the City will be able to provide certain services for police, fire, emergency preparedness and response support (including homeland security), and other essential services to the Company; and

WHEREAS, the Company and City acknowledge that they are entering into this Agreement voluntarily.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**11-219** **5A.** Moved by Crova, seconded by Barden to extend Bid award 06/07-02, pavement marking to R.S. Contracting through the end of 2011.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**11-220** **5B.** Moved by Choate, seconded by Wadsworth to award Bid 10/11-14 for a three-year contract for office supplies under the MITN Bid to the best qualified bidder, Office Max.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**11-221** **5C.** Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Webb to award Bid 10/11-31 for cellular telephone services for the City of Romulus to Verizon Wireless with a term to expire in October of 2012.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**11-222 5D.** Moved by Webb, seconded by Barden to approve the attached Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services for fiscal year 2012 as presented.

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

**11-223 5E.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to authorize HVAC Improvements at the Romulus Police Department under the existing Honeywell Energy Savings Agreement/Service Contract at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

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

**11-224 5F.** Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to concur with the recommendation of Debra Hoffman, finance director, to introduce Budget Amendment 10/11-29 to increase health and dental insurance budgets due to premium increases, changes in coverage, changes in personnel and effects of health care reform.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u> <u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<u>Expense</u>				
101-1210-712.72.50	Mayor Dental Insurance	4,170	100	4,270
101-1320-713.72-40	Election Health Insurance	9,470	1,000	10,470
101-1320-713.72-50	Election Dental Insurance	780	100	880
101-2110-721.72-40	Assessor Health Insurance	46,555	5,500	52,055
101-2110-721.72-42	Assessor Prescription Reimb	0	20	20
101-2210-721.72-40	Comm Dev Health Insurance	640	290	930
101-2210-721.72-50	Comm Dev Dental Insurance	42	25	67
101-2310-723.72-40	Finance Health Insurance	49,288	4,000	53,288
101-2310-723.72-42	Finance Prescription Reimb	0	160	160
101-2310-723.72-50	Finance Dental Insurance	5,100	620	5,720
101-3110-731.72-40	Police Health Insurance	788,579	104,250	892,829
101-3110-731.72-42	Police Prescription Reimb	0	3,800	3,800
101-3110-731.72-50	Police Dental Insurance	56,559	1,510	58,069
101-3810-738.72-40	Planning Health Insurance	974	12,910	13,884
101-3810-738.72-42	Planning Prescription Reimb	0	35	35
101-3810-738.72-50	Planning Dental Insurance	2,263	20	2,283
101-4110-741.72-40	DPW Health Insurance	7,490	5,485	12,975
101-4110-741.72-42	DPW Prescription Reimb	0	20	20
101-4110-741.72-50	DPW Dental Insurance	732	600	1,332
101-4130-741.72-50	Building & Grounds Dental Ins	1,335	140	1,475
101-4140-741.72-50	Cemetery Dental Insurance	113	15	128
<u>Contingency</u>				
101-2920-729.89.01	General Fund Contingency	967,244	(140,600)	826,644

To increase health and dental insurance budgets due to premium increases, changes in coverages, changes in personnel, and effects of health care reform.

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

**11-225** **5G.** Moved by Barden, seconded by Crova to adopt a resolution in accordance with the GASB Statement Number 54 to authorize finance director, Debra Hoffman, to indicate the City of Romulus' intent to assign fund balance for a specific purpose for financial reporting purposes.

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

**11-226** **10.** Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Emma Staten.

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

**11-227** **11.** Moved by Barden, seconded by Choate to authorize the city treasurer to disburse funds as listed In Warrant 11-14 in the amount of Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents. (\$699,696.87).

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

**12.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Crova, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb.  
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 25, 2011.



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