MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 26, 2019
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for Approval of the Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes

A. **Res. # 19-253** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for Approval of the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on August 12, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Abstain - **John Barden**
Motion Carried.

B. **Res. #19-254** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** for Approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting(s) held on August 12, 2019 - 6:00pm, Energy Efficiency Program with Johnson Controls; 6:30pm, Economic Development and Marketing Strategy Plans; 7:00pm, Robinson Capital Investment Presentation.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Abstain - **John Barden**
Motion Carried.

3. Petitioner - None

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

Councilman Barden thanked Councilwoman Talley for chairing the 8-12-19 council meeting in his absence. Councilman Barden commented on the Beautification Committee's Awards Ceremony and the residents who participated and received awards; Councilman Barden thanked everyone for their support during his time of bereavement.

Res. # 19-255 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for Lisa Hendricks.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

The Mayor announced that the Chairperson of the Cemetery Board was in the hospital and asked everyone to keep her in their prayers for a speedy recovery; The Mayor presented a video of upcoming community events; The Mayor thanked the Chief of Staff for filling in for him in his absence from the 8-12-19 Council meeting; The Mayor thanked the Beautification Committee and acknowledged the residents who participated and received awards; At the end of his report, the Mayor asked Captain Josh Monte to come up and talk about the "Cops and Clippers" program - initiated by Officer Rodney Cofield. Four barber and salon shops from the community will give haircuts to students returning to school on August 30th.

A. **Res. #19-256** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize a No Fee Permit Request for the installation of a 'Welcome to Romulus' Sign at 11457 Hannan Road, at no cost to the City.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. **Res. #19-257** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve the DDA Board Reappointments of Keith Johnston and Cindy Croft with terms to expire on July 31, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Res. #19-258 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and approve the DDA Board Appointments of Rachel Botu and Rick Perry with terms to expire on August 26, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

C. **Res. #19-259** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize approval for the fiscal year 2018/2019 encumbrances for capital outlay purchases and various City projects in the amount of $10,641,111.77 to be rolled over into the FY 2019/2020 budget and paid accordingly.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Clerk announced the next regular council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:30 pm; and the Public Hearing scheduled for September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm is **cancelled.**

Res. #19-260 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for USAF Captain Tranay L. Tanner.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

A. **Res. #19-261** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session request from City Treasurer, Stacy Paige for Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

Three residents requested to have comments regarding their concerns.
Gina Steward, announced the 75th anniversary of the Telegram Newspaper and the 22nd Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner - Sunday, October 20, 2019 in Allen Park. Ms. Steward further announced the next NAACP meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019, in Garden City.

9. Unfinished Business

Res. #19-262 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution to acknowledge the 75th Anniversary of the Telegram Newspaper.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

10. New Business

Res. #19-263 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for Betty Ball.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Communication

Councilwoman Williams acknowledged and thanked Brian Norman and DPW for tree removal;
Councilwoman Abdo acknowledged and thanked St. John's Lodge for the Back Pack Give-away event on Saturday;
Councilwoman Talley acknowledged the Mount Olive Baptist Church Services in honor of Rev. James Thompson's retirement;
Councilwoman Roscoe acknowledged and congratulated Firefighter Steven Hicks and wife Cheyenne on the arrival of their new baby girl.

12. Warrant

A. **Res. #19-264** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for the Approval of Warrant #:19- 16, Checks presented in the amount of $1,584,104.89.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the regular council meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
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 August 26, 2019.

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