



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 25, 2019

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: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused: None.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Leroy Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacey Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Officials in Attendance: Steve Hitchcock, Attorney; Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Robin R. Underwood, Deputy Clerk.

1. **Agenda**

- A.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Agenda as presented.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. **Minutes**

- A. Res. #19-345** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

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

Abstain – Webb

Motion Carried

3. **Petitioner**

- A. Res. #19-346** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the RZ-2019-003; Global Truck Repair (Ecorse Rd Parcel ID #80-004-02-0815-000) Rezoning of 10.10 acres of property from M-1, Light Industrial to M-T, Industrial Transportation application.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb,
Nays - Williams.

Motion Carried

- B. Res. #19-347** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to Table the SLU-2019-002; Miller Pipeline (6911 Metroplex) Special Land Use Request.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Res. #19-348 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve a Memorial Resolution in memory of Islander Johnson.

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

Res. #19- 349 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve a Memorial Resolution in memory of Betty Sue Brown.

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

Res. #19-350 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve a Memorial Resolution in memory of Johnny Buckley.

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

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events

A. Res. #19-351 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 19/20-13; 2020 Official Publications Newspaper for the publication of all City notices to Associated Newspapers for the calendar year 2020 at the printing rates submitted in the bid document.

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

B. Res. #19-352 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and consent to the Piggyback on Sourcewell Contract #083116-KON for the Purchase of (1) HP PageWide XL 4100 multifunction device, installation, and three (3) year service agreement for a total of \$36,993.00.

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

- C. **Res. #19-353** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the four (4) Master Agreements for Municipal Street Lighting with DTE for 1)Avalon Meadows (Main Street pole); 2)Highlands Village/Estates and Preserves (Wadsworth pole); 3)Commons, Gateway, and the Farms (code 95); 4)DTE conversion of (18) 40' poles and heads (on the east side of Wickham from Merriman south to Wick) from city-owned/maintained street lighting to DTE Option One whereby DTE will assume ownership and maintain the equipment.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #19-354** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution to determine a need for the removal of existing city-owned pedestrian lighting and installation of new DTE owned pedestrian lighting on the west side of Wickham from Merriman south to Wick. Construction/installation and annual maintenance will be specially assessed to the taxpayers in this district.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #19-355 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with administration to schedule a Public Hearing on January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing and hearing any objections to the proposed improvements.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #19-356** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with administration and adopt the resolution for the City of Romulus Poverty Exemption for 2020 to be used by the Board of Review to approve or deny poverty exemptions.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. **Res. #19-357** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve the Reappointments of James Crova (2/22/21), Charles Pecsénye (2/22/21), Stanley Bragg (2/22/22), Vonda Cooley (2/22/22), Mark Wilhide (2/22/23), Cynthia Harris (2/22/23), to the Police, Fire & Safety Commission with terms to expire as indicated.

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

- A. Res. #19-358** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Special Meeting / Study Session request from City Treasurer, Stacy Paige for December 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #19-359** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Special Meeting / Study Session request from Director of Finance, Suzanne Moreno for January 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to present and discuss the Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #19-360** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the City Council Regular Meeting 2020 Schedule pursuant to the Section 6.4, of the Romulus City Charter.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #19-361** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee not to acquire any of the Wayne County Treasurer's Unsold Tax Foreclosed Properties listed for Year 2019 due to properties not being adjacent to existing city owned property.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #19-362** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Road Closer recommendation for the 2020 MLK Day Community Celebration Walk, and that Wayne County Department of Public Services be requested to grant permission to close both north and southbound Wayne Road from Wick Road to Michelle Street. City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg will act as the designated Authority and Signature for the road closure permit on behalf of the City of Romulus.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. **Res. #19-363** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the First Reading and Introduction of an Amendment to Code of Ordinance, Chapter 62, Article II, Section 62, to add Division 4A; Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Control.

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

- G. **Res. #19-364** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-09.

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

- H. **Res. #19-365** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Board and City Assessor, Julie Albert, to approve the reappointment of Reverend Edward J. Thomas, Jr. to the Board of Review for a term commencing January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2021.

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

7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**

Treasurer Paige announced the Winter Tax Bills will be mailed out by the end of the week, no later than December 1st.

8. **Public Comment - None.**

9. **Unfinished Business**

Councilman Wadsworth encouraged residents to adopt pets from the Romulus Animal Shelter and during the holiday season to donate to charitable organizations in the Romulus community such as Helping Hands, Animal Shelter, Coleman Center, Library Fund, Cemetery Fund, and the Salvation Army. He also addressed concern with snow removal in the downtown area where there are seniors who use mobile devices as their sole source of transportation. He witnessed a senior citizen whose mobile wheelchair was stuck in the snow. The Mayor responded affirmatively that he will notify the courts to get their support for the snow removal.

10. **New Business – None.**

11. **Res. #19-366** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #19-22 in the amount of \$1,200,976.52.

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

12. **Communication** - Councilwoman Talley addressed the Council and public.

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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 **November 25, 2019**.



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