



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 27, 2020

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The Meeting was Called to Order by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Absent / Excused: William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Leroy Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Steve Hitchcock, Attorney

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

Robin R. Underwood, Deputy Clerk

Julie Albert, Director of Assessing & Financial Services

1. Agenda

Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #20-021** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2020.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. **Res. #20-022** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.; And the Special Meeting - Study Session at 6:30 p.m. held on January 13, 2020.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner - None.

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

John Barden, Mayor Pro Tem announced the job well-done by Chris Dunn and Committee for the Community Services Award ceremony held tonight at 7 p.m. for the Holiday Homes Decoration contest.

Res. #20-023 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Memorial Resolution for Ronald Hopson.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Res. #20-024 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Memorial Resolution for Melvin Zilka.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem John Barden expressed heartfelt condolences and prayers on behalf of himself and colleagues to City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg and family during her time of bereavement and mourning the loss of her brother.

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

A short video was presented.

A. Res. #20-025 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with Administration and award Bid ITB 19/20-17 to the only responsive and responsible bidder, Todd Wenzel Chevrolet, for the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet 3500 Low Cab Forward Gas 2@D Regular Cab 150" Truck Chassis with Dry Freight Van Body and optional safety light package for the DPW, in the amount of \$53,181.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. Res. #20-026 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with Administration and award Bid ITB 19/20-18 to the most qualified and responsive bidder, Burton's Plumbing, for mandated back flow prevention device testing, in the amount of \$4,274.00 per fiscal year for a three (3) year term.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- C. Res. #20-027** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with Administration and award Bid ITB 19/20-19 to both bidding companies, Cadillac Asphalt (year one (1) \$115.00 per ton, year two (2) \$120.00 per ton) and Ajax Paving (year one (1) \$113.00 per ton, year (2) \$117.00 per ton) for a two (2) year term to expire on 1/22/2022 with the option to extend the bid for not more than three (3) additional one (1) year term per the terms of the original bid and upon written mutual agreement for UPM -- Cold Patch for the DPW

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- D. Res. #20-028** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with Administration and award Bid ITB 19/20-20 to Osborne Concrete for a two (2) year contract (to terminate on 12/31/2021) for fixed pricing of delivered concrete with the option to renew the contract for up to three (3) additional one (1) year terms per the terms of the solicitation documents.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- E. Res. #20-029** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with Administration and award Bid ITB 19/20-21 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, Foster Blue Water Oil, LLC for a fixed two (2) year pricing for the purchase of #1 and #2 Diesel Fuel and for the rental of a 1,000 gallon above ground dispenser tank at a rate of \$60/month for any month in which the City does not meet the 1,000 gallon minimum required purchase volume, and \$75.00 tank delivery charge and \$75.00 tank pick up fee, for the DPW Motor Vehicle Division.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- F. Res. #20-030** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and award the contract for the purchase of Flagpoles and Installation to Delta Construction Associated (DCA) Products, Inc., in the amount of \$16,120.00 for the New 34th District Court.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- G. Res. #20-031** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company for an actuarial valuation to determine the City's Retiree Healthcare Plan.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Deputy Clerk, Robin R. Underwood, presented the Michigan Bureau of Election's newly released Official Absentee Voter (AV) Mail envelopes. Deputy Clerk mentioned the three ballot styles for the closed Presidential Primary election to be held March 10, 2020. An announcement was also delivered that the Clerk's Office will mail out Absentee Ballots beginning Tuesday, January 28th. A reminder to sign the back of the green envelope when returning the AV Ballot to the Clerk's Office was issued. Pursuant to the passage of Proposal 18-3, Deputy Clerk reiterated the "No Reason" absentee Voting law, currently in effect.

- A. Res. #20-032** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-13 for the Dog Run for the Animal Shelter to be funded from the Animal Shelter donation account #701-000-280.032 in the amount of \$13,000.

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

- B. Res. #20-033** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-14 for the purchase of six (6) 4XR gas detectors from awarded Marathon Grant in the amount of \$7,668.

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

- C. Res. #20-034** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-15 to account for the 34th District Court share of Gabriel Roeder Smith (GRS) actuarial services and the Court's reimbursement. Additionally to account for the request to complete a Supplemental Valuation for all divisions with the Retiree Health Care plan as of June 30, 2019.

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

- D. Res. #20-035** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the sale of parcels listed to Middlebelt- Smith Investment LLC in the amount of \$5,000 per acre in accordance with the terms contained in the "Agreement of Purchase and Sale."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb,
Nays - Virginia Williams
Motion Carried.

- E. Res. #20-036** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee to direct the City Assessor to prepare the proposed special assessment roll for removal and replacement of pedestrian street lighting on the west side of Wickham from Merriman south to Wick.

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

- F. Res. #20-037** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Public Hearing Request from Julie Albert, Director of Assessing & Financial Services for February 24, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of hearing any objections to the proposed special assessment roll/costs.

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

- G. Res. #20-038** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Study Session Request from Julie Albert, Director of Assessing & Financial Services, for Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:15 p.m..

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

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Dennis Davidson & Alexandria J. Taylor led discussion on "Wayne County Treasurer's Office Taxpayer's Assistance Day" to be held Saturday, February 22, 2020 in partnership with Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and Treasurer Stacy Paige, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

- 8. Public Comment** - Five (5) Romulus residents addressed City Council.

9. Unfinished Business

Julie Albert, Director of Assessing and Financial Services led discussion on Tax exempt properties to further address concerns raised under Public Comment. Councilpersons: Williams, Talley, Roscoe, Webb and Abdo entered discussion on topic, and all requested invitation to meet with stakeholders to address tax exempt status. Mayor Burcroff suggested a Special Study Session Meeting, moving forward, to house all parties interested, to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

10. New Business -None.

- 11. Res. #20-039** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Warrant #20-2; Checks presented in the amount of \$1,555,754.13.

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

12. Communication - Councilwoman Talley spoke during Communications.

13. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, 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 **January 27, 2020**.



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