MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY – VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilman William Wadsworth

The council meeting was held in accordance to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48, (1) (a), that a meeting of a public body may be held electronically, by telephone or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.

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
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** 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 #20-128** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

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

3. Petitioner – None

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

Several Council members and the Mayor commented on the current events taking place in the country regarding the protesting as a result of the unjust incident which occurred in Minneapolis, Minnesota, regarding a police officer and the death of George Floyd.

A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** 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

A. **Res. # 20-129** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Master Agreement for Municipal Street Lighting with DTE to remove 18 existing light poles located on the west side of Hunt Street in the park area and to replace and install 15 new 39w LED acorn style luminaries, as well as 10 new 39w LED acorn style luminaries on the east side of Hunt Street in the amount $ 98,778.00.

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

B. **Res. # 20-130** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Municipal Library Board Reappointment of Debra Hoffman for a 3-year term to expire April 11, 2023.

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. # 20-131** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Second Reading and Final adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-18, Public Safety Fund in the amount of $47,550.

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

One resident requested to speak and asked a question regarding the drop box for AV ballots and applications.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth asked the Mayor a question regarding the Veteran's Memorial – When will it go up? Will it be as large and nice as the previous one? The Mayor responded that there is a committee and he will report back with an update. Councilwoman Williams asked the Mayor to have Mr. McCraight give her a call.

10. New Business

11. Communication

Councilwoman Talley commented on the George Floyd incident and encouraged everyone to pray.
Councilwoman Williams commented on the George Floyd incident. Williams announced the Forgotten Harvest food distribution on June 2, 2020 at RHS beginning at 12 noon and Gleaners will be at Cory School on June 3, 2020 at 10:00am. Williams further announced that she is working with the pastor from Mt Olive BC in setting up a COVID-19 testing station and is working on a mobile testing station for the 2 senior citizen buildings.
Mayor Burcroff announced the monthly Community Prayer will be on Thursday, June 4th. Those wishing to participate can contact the Mayor's office for dial-in conference call information.
Councilman Wadsworth commented on COVID-19 and encouraged testing.
Councilman Barden commented on COVID-19 and reminded everyone to continue to be cautious so that we don't have a second round of the virus.
Councilwoman Webb commented on the George Floyd incident and the protesting.

Adjournment

A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Adjournment of the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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 June 1, 2020.

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