



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 26, 2020

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

MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Councilman Wadsworth

Roll Call

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

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Kevin Losen - HR Director; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Carol Maise - City Planner; Robert McCraight - Building Director; Merrie Druyor - Economic Development Director; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director

1. Agenda

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A.** **Res. #20-280** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 12, 2020

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B.** **Res. #20-281** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on October 12, 2020 - 6:00p, Study Session: Wayne and Ecorse Intersection & Land Acquisition, 6:30p - Study Session: Retiree Health Plan

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

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

- A. Res. #20-282** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Don Treder

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #20-283 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ron Dick

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #20-284 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Raynard Shreves

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #20-285 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family Louise Green-Bell

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. Res. #20-286** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and approve the proposed fiscal year 2021-2023 agreement between the City of Romulus and Wayne County to continue the Urban County Program to make funds available for Community Development Block Grant.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #20-287** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and adopt the Resolution to Establish a Request for Funding, Designate an Agent, Attest to the Existence of Funds and Commit to Implementing a Maintenance Program for the Huron River Non-Motorized Pathway from Northline to Grant

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #20-288** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and adopt the Resolution for Retiree Healthcare Modifications

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #20-289** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreements for the municipal credit and community credit and CARES funding contracts for the 2021 fiscal year.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #20-290** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and extend the agreement from RFQ 16/17-09 with Munetrix LLC for a three (3) year period from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2023 in the amount of \$5,548.00 per year.

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. #20-291** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request from the Building Department for 11/23/20 @ 6:00pm to discuss an amendment to Section 8-20 of the City Code of Ordinance.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #20-292** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request from Carol Maise, City Planner for 11/23/20 @ 6:15pm to discuss a conceptual development plan for 200 acres of property on the west side of Vining Road, south of Ecorse Road.

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** - Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.

A resident inquired if the memorial resolution for Mr. Shreve was for the son or the father
The same resident also asked if the city is still recycling and what is the cost difference of trash vs. recycling

9. **Unfinished Business**

Councilman Wadsworth made a follow-up inquiry for the timeline of the Veterans Memorial. DPW Director Scappaticci responded that the timeline to restart/install the Veterans Memorial will be Spring of 2021.

10. **New Business**

11. **Warrant**

- A. **Res. #20-293** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 20-20 Checks presented in the amount of \$6,466,433.34

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. **Communication**

Councilwoman Roscoe announced that the VFW will conduct a trunk or treat from 3-5 pm on October 31. She also reminded everyone that October is Fire Prevention Month and to be sure to check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detector. She also thanked the DTE Foundation, MetLife, and the administration for the planting of trees at the historic park pavilion as well as other city parks. Councilwoman Roscoe congratulated Jerry Frayer for his promotion to Foreman. Councilman Wadsworth reminded everyone that October is also breast cancer awareness month and to keep those who are fighting breast cancer and those who have lost their lives in prayer. Councilwoman Williams thanked the administration for bringing sidewalks to the north end of Romulus and the Clerk's Office for their hard work during this election year. Councilwoman Talley also congratulated Jerry Frayer on his new position. She encouraged residents to participate in the Romulus Parks & Recreation Master Plan Community Assessment Survey and she thanked the administration for their efforts in procuring grants for the city.

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adjourn the meeting at 8:36p.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 October 26, 2020.



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