



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 24, 2020

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chairwoman Pro Tem, Tina Talley

Roll Call

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

Absent / Excused: John Barden

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Leroy Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda

- A.** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Agenda

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A.** **Res. # 20-206** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2020

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried

- B.** **Res. # 20-207** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting(s) held on August 10, 2020 - 6:00pm Study Session, Invoice Cloud Presentation; 6:30pm Study Session, Aerotropolis; 7:00pm Public Hearing - Alley Vacation

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Roscoe, Wadsworth

Motion Carried.

- C.** **Res. # 20-208** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting-Closed Session held on August 20, 2020 to discuss Attorney Opinion.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner

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

Chairwoman Pro Tem Tina Talley read a recommendation from Mayor Burcroff regarding the ten person limit in public meetings. Legal counsel has advised that on September 4th the governor may change the number to 50 people; however, if that does not happen, in order to be in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, it would be better to change to Zoom meetings beginning

with the September 8th Council meeting.

Councilwoman Virginia Williams made a motion to move the November 2, 2020 Council meeting to Monday, November 16, 2020 because of the November 3, 2020 General Election. She withdrew the motion because the Planning Commission already has a meeting scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2020. Mayor and City Clerk will bring a recommendation back to Council regarding this matter.

Tina Talley spoke about the census.

- A.** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the Chairperson's Report

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Mayor Burcroff announced that the 2020 Pumpkin Festival has been cancelled due to Covid-19. He expressed that the City is working on some virtual activities in lieu of the festival.

- A.** **Res. # 20-209** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the re-appointments of Councilman William Wadsworth and Donald Morris to the Employee Health Care Plan and Trust for two-year terms to expire on August 24, 2022.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried

- B.** **Res. # 20-210** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to award Bid ITB 19/20-33 to the lowest bidder, Century Cement Company, for the installation of approximately 2,000 feet of sidewalk along the south side of Van Born Road in the amount of \$115,635.00 with an additional 10 percent contingency for any unforeseen work required for the completion of the project.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C.** **Res. # 20-211** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 20/21-03 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, Abutilton Co. Inc., for three Zero Turn Rider gas riding lawn mowers in the amount of \$27,837.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D.** **Res. # 20-212** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement for the City of Taylor to provide water and sewer to the Mucci Pack Site Development.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E.** **Res. # 20-213** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with Invoice Cloud.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- F. Res. # 20-214** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-5 to complete the M-Park project in the 20/21 budget year that wasn't completed in 19/20 due to Covid-19
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg informed that if a person has already submitted an absentee ballot application, they do not need to mail in another one - call Clerks' office if any questions.
She encourages residents to utilize the Election Ballot Drop Box located in front of city hall, also in the vestibule of city hall and one at the Clerk's Office.

Mrs. Bragg highly recommends that electors not give their ballot to a special interest group.

- A. Res. # 20-215** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-3 introduced at the August 10, 2020 Council meeting.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. # 20-216** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment.20/21-4 to cover the cost associated with Farms Sub Lift Station – rebuilding of pump and replacement of the circuit board running alternate pump.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. # 20-217** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Resolution to Adopt Opinion of the Corporation Counsel that Ballot Initiative regarding Medical Marihuana Facilities and Recreational Marihuana Establishments is Illegal in form.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

City Treasurer Stacy Paige announced that summer tax bills are due September 30, 2020.

8. Public Comment

The on-site superintendent of the Wick Road Project commented on keeping one side of Wick Road open at all times and also about being mindful of the need to have Wick Rd. open on Election Day in November.

A resident spoke about a request for a road closure on Canterbury Drive for Sept. 6, 2020 for a back-to-school event.

City Attorney Steve Hitchcock advised that road closures should be in compliance with the governor's executive orders.

A resident commented about speeders on Wick Road.

A resident spoke about new homes being built on Brandt Road.

Electronically - a gentleman from the Romulus Marihuana Initiative commented that voters should be able to make the decision regarding marihuana.

Electronically - a resident inquired about speed bumps being installed on Harrison, south of Eureka Road.

Electronically – a resident inquired about an item on the warrant regarding waste water charges.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth commented that the weeds are high on Pennsylvania Road - hard for drivers to make turns.

Councilwoman Roscoe commented on speeding cars in her neighborhood.

Res. # 20-218 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve road closures on Canterbury Road contingent upon approval of city departments and of Governor Whitmer's executive orders.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

10. New Business

11. Warrant

- A. Res. # 20-219** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve Warrant # 20-16 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,864,343.40.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - None
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Communication

Mayor Burcroff thanked Fire Chief David Allison for assisting with the Council meeting by allowing only ten people to be in the Council Chambers at a time in accordance with the governor's executive orders and CDC guidelines.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the Council meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, 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 24, 2020.



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