MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 23, 2020

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

MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Councilwoman Abdo

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
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Joshua Monte - Police Captain; Kevin Krause - Fire Chief; Merrie Druyor - DDA Director; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Robert McCraight - DPS Director; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Carol Maise - City Planner

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the agenda as presented

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

2. Minutes

A. **Res. #20-303** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to amend the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 to correct the Communication section of the minutes

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Res. #20-304 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 as amended

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

B. **Res. #20-305** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) closed sessions held on November 9, 2020 at 6:30p & 6:45p to discuss attorney opinion and pending litigation

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

3. Petitioner

No petitions/petitioners at this time

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

Res. #20-306 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Consent Judgement presented and recommended by legal counsel in the matter of M&M Express Trucking, Inc. v City of Romulus.

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

Res. #20-307 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve a resolution in support of the street signing for Clara Williams.

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

Councilwoman Webb extended her congratulations to Judge-Elect Lisa Martin

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. **Res. #20-308** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached grant agreement between the State of Michigan - Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and the City of Romulus from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 with a local share of $55,261.63

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

B. **Res. #20-309** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Beth Maze with a term to expire on March 11, 2023 to the Downtown Development Authority

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

Res. #20-310 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Jeffrey Lowrey, with a term to expire on July 31,2023, to the Downtown Development Authority.

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

C. **Res. #20-311** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and adopt the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan dated September 14, 2020.

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

D. **Res. #20-312** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt the resolution to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to use the Capital Improvement Bond, Series 201 A Construction Fund for property acquisition and road improvement costs for the intersection of Ecorse and Wayne Roads in the City of Romulus in an amount not to exceed the remaining balance in this account which is approximately $1,693,631.59.

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

E. **Res. #20-313** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and adopt the resolution to use public funds to replace residential lead private water service lines in the City of Romulus.

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

F. **Res. #20-314** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-10 for the Barth Road Water Main Project.

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

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

Res. #20-315 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and approve the reappointments to the Board of Review for Deborah Hoffman and Shirley Lamberson for term(s) starting 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2022.

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

Res. #20-316 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Norman McClendon

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

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

A. Treasure Paige briefly reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report and referred any additional inquiries to her office.

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

A resident submitted an email to publiccomment@romulusgov.com to inquire about the order and placement of her community for street repairs, specifically Sand Piper Drive and Swan Lake. The email was read into the record by the Clerk and forwarded to the Mayor's Office for response.

9. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time

10. New Business

No New Business at this time

11. Warrant

A. Res. #20-317 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 20-22 Checks presented in the amount of $1,008,287.40

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

12. Communication

Councilwoman Roscoe wished everyone and wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. She announced the winners of the Cutest Baby Contest, Cutest Pets Contest, and Fall Porch and House Decorating Contest. She further thanked all the participants in the contests. Councilwoman Talley thanked Brian O'Connor and Fire Chief Krause for their efforts, in coordination with MDHHS, in the delivery of 1700 face masks to multiple churches. She also thanked city officials for the invite of the swearing in of a police officer. Councilwoman Williams informed the residents of an event, by one of the sons of the owner of Metro Meets, called Bring up Hope. Event organizers are asking for monetary donations as well as donations of hats, gloves, scarves, and coats. The date of the event is December 5th. She also announced that Forgotten Harvest will be at Romulus Community High School on November 24 and will be giving away one turkey per car.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm

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 November 23, 2020.

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