



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2021

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

MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

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

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; Merrie Druyor - TIFA Director; Tanya Cofield - Recreations Coordinator; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Services; Carol Maise - City Planner; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Stephen Dudek - Director of Technology Services

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, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #21-013** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Jan. 11, 2021 @ 7:30p.m.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried

- B. **Res. #21-014** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the special meeting - study session held on Jan. 11, 2021 @ 6:00pm for the financial audit presentation.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried

3. **Petitioner** – No petitioners at this meeting.

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

- A. Res. #21-015** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve a resolution recognizing Ardena Vaughn's 90th birthday.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #21-016 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to appoint Kathy Abdo to represent Council on the Library Board lease negotiations.

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. #21-017** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and approve the revised cooperative agreement with Wayne County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the FYs 2021 to 2023.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #21-018** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter in to the Grant Recipient Agreement with the Play Everywhere Challenge provided by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and organized by KaBOOM, Inc. The grant awarded in the amount of \$70,000 will upgrade the Community Park, located due west of the Romulus Athletic Center, by repairing the bridge leading in to the park, cleaning the brush, purchase playground equipment, create interactive murals on the walking path and install signage.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #21-019** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Yolanda Brown Ali to the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Board with a term to expire on November 30, 2024.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. 21-020** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the administration

and approve the reappointments of Dan Bales and Julie Allison to the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Board with terms to expire on November 30, 2024.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #20-021** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and approve the reappointments of Charles Pecsénye and James Crova to the Police, Fire, & Safety Commission with terms to expire on February 22, 2024.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. Res. #21-022** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and approve the reappointment of Linda Collier to the City of Romulus Officer Compensation Commission, with a term to expire on December 31, 2027.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #21-023 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Abbie Akins to the City of Romulus Officer Compensation Commission, with a term to expire on June 24, 2026.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- G. Res. #21-024** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-13 to recognize a budget amendment for Council Chambers Audio/Visual Remodel.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u> <u>NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Cable				
<u>Revenue</u>	Peg Fees	\$107, 291.00	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ 57,291.0
211-000-475.001				
<u>Expense</u>	Capital Outlay	\$103,658.00	\$50,000.00	\$153,658.00
211-000-970.000				

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. #21-025** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of the 2021-2025 City of Romulus Recreation Master Plan introduced at a regular City Council Meeting on January 11, 2021.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #21-026** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Study Session Request from Clerk Bragg for 2/22/21 at 6:30pm to discuss a charter amendment.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - No information to report.

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

Gina Wilson Steward of Telegram Newspaper requested information concerning TIFA, and she asked where she could get a copy of the City Charter. She also inquired about the last date to file petitions for the local election, and she requested contact information for the City Attorney.

9. **Unfinished Business**

Clerk Bragg responded to the public comment of Gina Wilson Steward as it regards to the Clerk's Department. Merrie Druyor, TIFA Director, responded to Gina Wilson Steward's inquiry about TIFA.

10. **New Business**

Councilperson Wadsworth inquired of the Mayor regarding vaccine distribution within the City for seniors.

11. **Warrant**

- A. **Res. #21-027** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-2. Checks presented in the amount of \$833,457.09.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. **Communication**

Councilperson Abdo thanked Paris McCarthy, girls basketball coach at Romulus High School, for allowing herself and Councilperson Talley to help in providing PPE to the team. Councilperson Roscoe spoke on Wayne Metro Cares Relief and Recovery Services, a program that provides information and assistance to Wayne County residents regarding food, income, emergency plumbing, water and energy, rent/mortgage, and

funeral assistance. Councilperson Talley thanked all participants in the Martin Luther King Jr. event, with special thanks to the Romulus Ministerial Alliance and Clerk Bragg. She also thanked those who have completed surveys regarding Virtual Learning Centers in Romulus. Councilperson Talley also thanked the courts and judges for all they do for the City. Mayor Burcroff spoke of the Conference of Western Wayne County DCC meeting that will be hosted by the City of Romulus and is to be held virtually via Zoom on February 12, 2021 at 9:30am. Councilperson Williams thanked the Ministerial Alliance for hosting the Martin Luther King Jr. event. She also thanked the St. John Lodge group that assisted the Romulus Police Department at the march. Councilperson Williams also spoke of the Eviction Diversion Program. She also reminded residents that Forgotten Harvest is at Romulus High School every Tuesday. Chairperson Barden spoke on the good things happening in the City of Romulus and he is proud to be a resident.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.

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 January 25, 2021.



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