



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 4, 2021

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

MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Councilperson 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

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Carol Maise - City Planner; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Emergency & Fire Services

1. Agenda

- A.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** 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. #21-001** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on December 28, 2020.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Webb

Motion Carried.

3. Petitioner – no petitioners at this meeting

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

- A.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** 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. #21-002** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and re-appoint Chris Dunn, Durrice Green, and Reverend Edward Thomas to the Romulus Housing Commission with a term to expire on February 26, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb

Nays - None

Abstain - Williams

Motion Carried.

Res. #21-003 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and re-appoint Barbara Sanders and Robert McCraight to the Romulus Housing Commission with a term to expire on February 26, 2026.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #21-004** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and approve the re-appointments of Mike Glotfelty, Jerry Frederick, and Edna Talon-Jemison and appoint Adewunmi Gbogboarde to the City of Romulus Planning Commission with a three year term to expire on January 31, 2024.

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

Nays - Abdo

Motion Carried

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

- A. Res. #21-005** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Public Hearing Request from Robert McCraight, Director of Public Services & Economic Development, for February 8, 2021, at 6:00 pm to discuss Demolition List 20-1.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasure Paige reminded the audience of the new payment options available to residents and any questions can be directed to her office.

8. Public Comment

Gina Steward of Telegram News announced Western Wayne NAACP virtual listening tour will be held on January 14 at 5:30pm via Zoom.

A pastor from the Inkster Ministerial Alliances inquired on the resolution on racism as a public health crisis for the city.

9. Unfinished Business

Res. #21-005 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve a moratorium on water shut-offs, in line with legislation signed by Gov. Whitmer, until March 31, 2021.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

10. New Business

No new business at this meeting

11. Communication

Councilperson Talley thanked the administration and all involved in positioning the city to succeed during the pandemic. She spoke on a team working in collaboration with churches to provide children with educational resources to help with the virtual learning experience. Councilperson Williams requested that the Clerk's Office consider personal delivery of the council packets during the pandemic. She also reminded the residents of Forgotten Harvest at the Romulus High School. Councilperson Barden spoke on the seriousness of this global health pandemic and reminded his colleagues to encourage their constituents to bring about unity.

12. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.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 January 4, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ellen L. Craig-Bragg".

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