



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 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 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; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Tanya Cofield - Recreations Coordinator; Carol Maise - City Planner; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communication & Community Services; 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, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. Res. #21-006** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 4, 2021 at 7:30p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #21-007** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on January 4, 2021 at 6:00p.m. to discuss the Midyear Court Presentation.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

- A.** Petitioner, Rev. Arthur Willis, was not available; therefore, Clerk Bragg presented the petition for the MLK Day Celebration in place of Rev. Arthur Willis.

Res. #21-008 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the petition of Rev. Arthur Willis for the MLK Day Celebration and road closures for the march and car processional from 4th Street (Community Baptist Church) to 35625 Vinewood St. (Pentecostal Baptist Church). The road closures include South-4th St.; West - Beverly St.; South - Washington St.; West - Vinewood St.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. 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. #21-009** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve a resolution commemorating the birthday of Sheldon Chandler.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #21-010 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached lease-purchase agreement with Comerica Leasing for the lease-purchase of a 2021 Freightliner 108SD Dump Chassis in the amount of \$87,622.00 at a fixed interest rate of 2.18% for five years with the first payment to be made on or about January 15, 2022. The City would own the vehicle at the term of the lease.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. Recreation Coordinator, Tanya Cofield, presented a PowerPoint on the Recreation Master Plan.
Res. #21-011 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve for Introduction and First reading of the 2021-2025 City of Romulus Recreation Master Plan.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige congratulated Tanya Cofield on her efforts in creating the Recreation Master Plan and looks forward to everything the Recreation Department will implement in the city.

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

Rev. Arthur Willis spoke about the details of the MLK Community Celebration Event.

- 9.** No unfinished business at this meeting.

10. No new business at this meeting.

11. **Warrant**

- A. **Res. #21-012** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-1 Checks presented in the amount of \$809,327.15.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. **Communication**

Councilperson Talley thanked the Mayor and administration for positioning the city to keep moving forward during the pandemic. She also made a reminder that parent surveys are needed to assist in developing virtual learning centers in Romulus. Councilperson Williams offered condolences to the U.S. Capitol Police officers who lost their lives during the riot. She made further comments on the events that occurred in Washington, D.C. and the state capital. She commended and thanked Forgotten Harvest for passing out 2500 masks to residents. Councilperson Barden thanked the Mayor and administration for the all the work that is done in the city.

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.

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 January 11, 2021.



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