



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2021

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

MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Pro-tem John Barden

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; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Robert Pfannes - Chief of Police; Derran Shelby - Police Captain, Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Stephen Dudek - Director of Technology Services; Julie Albert - Director of Assessing & Financial Services; Patty Braden - Library Director

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, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A** **Res. #21-045** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 08, 2021 @ 7:30p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B.** **Res. #21-046** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting - Closed Session held on 2/8/21 @ 5:00 pm to discuss attorney opinion and a public hearing held on 2/8/21 @ 6:00 pm to discuss Demolition List 20-01.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner - None

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

- A.** **Res. #21-047** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution in recognition of the 94th birthday of Florence Rupert.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

- A. Res. #21-048** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and adopt the Resolution for the City of Romulus Poverty Exemption for 2021 to be used by the Board of Review.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #21-049** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Lease Agreement with City of Romulus Municipal Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #21-050** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Lease Agreement with Growth Works Incorporated, for the lease of 2,000 sq. ft. of space located at 11113 S. Wayne Road, 48174 on the second floor of the 34th District Court building.

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

Motion Carried

- D. Res. #21-051** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the awarded grant for training and education purposes for the Romulus Animal Shelter.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #21-052** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B6600126 to purchase ammunition for both practices at the range and on-duty purposes in the amount of \$12,189.60 from Vance Outdoor Inc.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. **Res. #21-053** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and extend the contract from ITB 20/21-05 with Davenport Masonry Inc., for the repairs of the South Elevation of Fire Station #4 located at 28777 Eureka Road, in the amount of \$14,900.00 with an additional 10% contingency for any unforeseen necessary repairs.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- G. **Res. #21-054** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the refurbishing of the Department of Public Works' Gradall by AIS Construction Equipment under the terms of Sole Source Purchases Exception in Section 39-11(d)(1)c.1 of the City of Romulus Purchasing Ordinance in the amount of \$93,000.00.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- H. **Res. #21-055** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-14 to recognize a budget amendment for May 4, 2021 Special School Election.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
Clerk				
<u>Revenue</u>		\$-	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
101-262-682.262	Election Reimbursement			
<u>Expense</u>				
101-262-728.000	Postage		\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
101-262-729.000	Election Supplies		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
101-262-818.000	Contractual Svcs		\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
101-262-900.000	Print & Publ.		\$500.00	\$500.00
101-262-710.000	Overtime		\$3,500.00	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
			Total	<u>\$45,000.00</u>

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. Res. #21-056** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Study Session request from Mayor Burcroff for March 1, 2021 @ 6:00pm to discuss Honorary Street Sign Dedication Policy.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige reminded residents that this week is the final week for tax collection and her office is still accepting payments. Any further questions or inquiries can be directed to her office.

8. Public Comment -

A member of the public inquired about emailed public comments, study session durations, and the city charter.

A member of the public inquired about the lease signing of the Romulus Municipal Library and Growth Works Incorporated.

- 9. Unfinished Business -** The Mayor and City Attorney responded to the inquires made under public comment.

- 10. New Business -** None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #21-057** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve warrant #: 21-4 Checks presented in the amount of \$909,024.86.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley thanked the DPW for their efforts and hard work in plowing the snow during the winter storm. She also spoke on the U.S. Census result percentages and thanked everyone who participated. Councilperson Talley reminded residents about the Soul Food Recipe Sharing and encouraged residents to participate and show their support. Councilperson Roscoe thanked everyone who was involved and participated in the Curling Royale with proceeds going to the Great Lakes Burn Camp. Councilperson Abdo announced the new hours and activities that are available at the Romulus Athletic Center. Councilperson Williams spoke briefly on the duration of study sessions and announced to the public that Forgotten Harvest will resume at the Romulus High School on February 23.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm.

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 February 22, 2021.



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