



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 22, 2021

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

THIS MEETING WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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

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

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney;

Kevin Krause - Director of Fire and Emergency Services; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director; Roberto

Scappaticci - DPW Director; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development;

Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the amended agenda as presented.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #21-074** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #21-075** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on Monday March 8, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss charter amendment(s) and electronic council meetings.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner - None

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

- A. Res. #21-076** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution in recognition of Lt. Tim Rhoton of the Romulus Fire Department.

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. #21-077** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Romulus Downtown Development Authority to submit an application for the DNR Recreation Passport Grant for enhancements at MaryAnn Banks Park on behalf of the City of Romulus.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #21-078** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County to update the Men's and Women's Restrooms at Elmer Johnson's Park located at 9755 Ozga Road. The City's local share will be \$10,571.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #21-079** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and waive the bidding for the relocation costs of the 34th District Court and authorize Premier-Relocation LLC to handle the moving and relocation of the 34th District Court at a cost of \$15,964.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #21-080** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 20/21-11 to the lowest bidder, Verdeterre Contracting, Inc., to replace the existing 8" water main with 12" water main for approximately 0.9 of a mile of Barth Road between Hannan and Huron River Drive and for the replacement of the westbound lane asphalt and for the pulverization and restoration of the asphalt of the east lane of the road in the amount of \$1,691,143.85. An additional \$169,114.38 contingency is being requested to cover unforeseen construction-related changes.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #21-081** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on Novi Bid ITB 20-15 to contract Highway Maintenance & Construction to perform necessary repairs to the Romulus DPW parking lot using the chip seal method at a cost of \$47,042.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. Res. #21-082** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on Florida Sherriff's Association Contract FSA20-VEF14.01 with Excellence Inc., for the purchase of a 201 Ford E-450 Ambulance Demo for ta total costs of \$206,902.33.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- G. Res. #21-083** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-16 to transfer funds from the Major Roads Fund to the Local Streets Fund to work on a patching program in Meadows Subdivision for Spring 2021.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
LOCAL STREETS				
<u>Expense</u>			\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
203-463-818.000	Local Roads Project Costs	\$-		
<u>Revenues</u>	Transfer In- Major Streets	\$-	\$75,000.00	75,000.00
205-000-393-336				
MAJOR ROADS				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
202-463-873.00	Major Rds. Contractual Svcs	\$200,000.00	\$(75,000.00)	\$125,000.00
<u>Expenditures</u>				
202-966-999.203	Transfer Out – Local Streets	\$-	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- H. Res. #21-084** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-17 to recognize revenue received for the Play Everywhere Challenge Grant - Kaboom! and the anticipated expenditure related to implementing the project plan.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Recreation				
Revenue			\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
101-751-588.000	Play Everywhere			
Kaboom	Challenge Grant - Kaboom	\$-		
Expense			\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
101-751-730.00-	Operating			
Kaboom	Supplies		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
101-751-937.000-	Park Maintenance			
Kaboom			\$63,800.00	\$63,800.00
101-751-970.000-	Capital Outlay			
Kaboom				

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- I. **Res. #21-085** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-18 to move funds from Reserve Park renovation to Wayne County Allocation (Elmer Johnson's restrooms) for the anticipated expenditures related to implementing the project plan.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Recreation				
Revenue			\$10,571.000	\$ 10,571.00
101-000-393.751	Reserve for Park Renovations	\$-		
Expense			\$10,571.00	\$25,011.00
101-751-970.751	Capital Outlay – Rec Grant (Local)	\$14,440.00		

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- J. **Res. #21-086** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Romulus and SCI Novi mParks/Safari Club International (SCI) Archery Equipment Grant.

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. #21-087** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Honorary Street Sign Dedication Policy with an open application period to start on the first Monday in April 2021 and close by 4 pm on the first Monday of May 2021 with the first five (5) applications vetted to be approved.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #21-088** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution to approve the ballot language to be placed on the ballot for August 3, 2021 Special (Primary) Election.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #21-089** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-15 for the purchase of an EMS rescue vehicle in the amount of \$206,902.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #21-090** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve Mayor Burcroff's request for a Special Meeting on March 29, 2021, @ 6:30 p.m. to consider a motion to declare State of Emergency.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer - Nothing to report

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

A member of the public inquired about the Amazon subcontractor vans and the mess made from the vans.

A member of the public inquired about the differentiation between the purchasing ordinance and Section 6.12 of the City Charter and commented on the "act of God" provision in the designation of the official newspaper.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilperson Wadsworth complimented DPW and residents in the area for their clean-up of branches on the road of Huron River Drive.

Councilperson William mentioned that if a local state of emergency is extended then it is appropriate to extend the moratorium of the water shut-off.

10. New Business

Res. #21-091 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Virginia Jean Johnson.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #21-092** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-6 Checks presented in the amount of \$1,582,929.01.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Roscoe announced the “Easter Celebration with a Twist” at the Romulus City Hall complex parking lot on March 27. She also congratulated former coach Nate Oats for his success during March Madness and representation of the City. Councilperson Webb also congratulated Mr. Oats and expressed her support for him. Councilperson Talley announced the Midwest Invitation Rodeo at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville, MI on June 11th & June 12th, and gave methods of contact for anyone wanting more information. Councilperson Williams reminded residents that Forgotten Harvest will be at the Romulus High School on Tuesday from 11 am - 1 pm due to the start of in-person learning.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 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 March 22, 2021.



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