



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 5, 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 (remote from Romulus, MI), John Barden (remote from Romulus, MI), Celeste Roscoe (remote from Romulus, MI), Tina Talley (remote from Romulus, MI), William Wadsworth (remote from Romulus, MI), Eva Webb (remote from Romulus, MI), Virginia Williams (remote from Romulus, MI)
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; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director; Stephen Dudek - Director of Technology Services; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Services; Merrie Druyor - Economic Development Coordinator & TIFA/DDA Director; Kathy Hood - Assistant DPW Director; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency 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. #21-095** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #21-096** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the adoption of a resolution declaring a local state of emergency.

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. #21-097** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Willie Pewitt as requested by Mayor Burcroff.

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. #21-098** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and award ITB 20/21-12 to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder Outdoor Experts, Inc., for a two (2) year contractual services agreement, for grass and weed cutting for as-needed work specified in bid documents for the Ordinance/Public Safety Department.

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. #21-099** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of 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.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #21-100** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of 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.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #21-101** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of 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.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #21-102** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Study Session Request by Merrie Druyor, TIFA/DDA Director, for Monday, April 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Amendment to Chapter 52 Article IV Special Events Section 52-86 of the City Code of Ordinance.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige reminded residents that summer tax bills will go out on 7/1/2021 and once the bills have gone out that her office will accept payments however often as possible. She emphasized that her office is available to assist residents. She also read information about payment plans from the Wayne County website.

8. Public Comment - NONE

9. Unfinished Business

Councilperson Wadsworth inquired of the Mayor/Administration if lane markings will be changed once the new court building is open to the public. Mayor Burcroff replied that he will look into it.

10. New Business - NONE

11. Communication

Councilperson Roscoe thanked Treasurer Paige for the information presented under her report. She announced that starting April 12 to the second full week in December, Yard Waste Collection begins and gave criteria for items to be picked by Waste Management. Councilperson Williams brought to the mayor's attention information she received regarding LEIN searches conducted by the Ordinance Department. She also reminded residents that Forgotten Harvest will be at Romulus High School every Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Councilperson Talley thanked all who participated in the Good Friday Walk. She also commended Recreation Coordinator Tanya Cofield and the turnout for the Easter Celebration with a Twist event. She also thanked everyone who donated Easter baskets to the event. Councilperson Webb congratulated U of M Head Basketball Coach Juwan Howard and listed some of his notable accomplishments.

12. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 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 April 5, 2021.



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