



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2021

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

THE 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 (present in Romulus, MI), John Barden (present in Romulus, MI), Tina Talley (present in Romulus, MI), William Wadsworth (present in Romulus, MI), Eva Webb (present in Romulus, MI), Virginia Williams (present in Romulus, MI)

Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe

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; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Service & Economic Development; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Management; Kathy Hood - Deputy DPW Director; Patricia Braden - Library Director; Stephen Dudek - Director of Technology Services; Tanya Cofield - Recreation Coordinator; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service.

1. Agenda

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #21-103** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #21-104** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Preliminary 2021/2022 FY Budget(s).

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner - None

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

- A.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** 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. #21-105** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize a no fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson Park pavilion on Saturday, June 26, 2021 for the Romulus High School Class of 2011 for their reunion picnic. A 2021 parks and pavilion rental application must be completed and submitted to the Recreation Department prior to issuance of the no fee permit.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #21-106** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize a no fee permit for MVP Academy to use of St. John's Lodge Park baseball fields on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning April 13, 2021, through July 13, 2021. A 2021 parks and pavilion rental application must be completed and submitted to Recreation Department prior to issuance of the no fee permit.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #21-107** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize a no fee permit for the use of the Historical Park for the annual Bird Family reunion on July 25, 2021. A 2021 parks and pavilion rental application must be completed and submitted to the Recreation Department prior to issuance of the no fee permit.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #21-108** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the administration and approve the reappointment of Candace Lewkowicz to the Municipal Library Board, with a one year term to expire on April 11, 2022.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #21-109 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and approve the reappointment of James Napiorkowski to the Municipal Library Board, with a five year term to expire April 11, 2026.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #21-110** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and intro duce budget amendment 20/21-19 for preparation of the actuarial funding valuation of the City of Romulus Retiree Health Care Plan as of June 30, 2020.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
Recreation				
<u>Revenue</u>				
676-000-395.000	Retained Earnings	\$-	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
<u>Expense</u>				
676-864-820.000	Actuarial Study	\$9,770.00	\$17,500.00	\$27, 270.00

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. **Res. #21-111** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Introduction and First Reading of Amendment to City Code of Ordinance - Chapter 30, Article II - Section 30-25; Procedures for issuance of certificate of registration

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige thanked the resident who informed her office of the unclaimed property for the City of Romulus and encouraged residents to go to the State of Michigan website to see if there are unclaimed properties for themselves or loved ones. Treasurer Paige gave the website to the listening audience.

8. Public Comment -

A resident expressed interest in purchasing property on the demolition list to bring it up to code as a residential property.

A representative from Congresswoman Tlaib's office provided additional information on the economic impact payment and encouraged residents to file to receive it.

9. Unfinished Business

- A. **Res. #21-112** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to un-table action on properties from Demolition List 20-01 (11398 Harrison, 11647 Middlebelt, 11528 Whitehorn) - Tabled at the 2/8/2021 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #21-113** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the demolition of

structures and removal of all debris for the following properties from Demolition List 20-01: 11398 Harrison, 16447 Middlebelt, and 11528 Whitehorn.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

- a. **Res. #21-114** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-7 Checks presented in the amount of \$2,360,668.53.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley offered condolences to Councilperson Roscoe's family and inquired if flowers can be sent on behalf of the Council as a whole. Councilperson Webb offered condolences to Councilperson Roscoe and her family as well. She also announced the Citywide Shred Day sponsored by the Clerk's Office for May 15, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Res. #21-115 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to extend the moratorium on water shut-offs until June 30, 2021 following the same guidelines under PA 252 of 2020.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councilperson Williams thanked the mayor and his administration for providing information, communicated by a member of the public under public comment, about stimulus payments on the city's website. She also reminded residents that Forgotten Harvest will be at Romulus High School every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, 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 12, 2021.



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