MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 24, 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 Council Chairperson, Tina Talley.

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilman William 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: None

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; Carol Maise – City Planner; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Joshua Monte - Police Captain; Robert Pfannes – Chief of Police; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Roberto Scappaticci,- DPW Director; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director & Economic Development Coordinator.

1. **Agenda**
   - **A.** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** for Approval of the Agenda.

     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously

2. **Minutes**
   - **A.** **Res. # 21-146** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
     Nays - None
     Motion Carried Unanimously

3. **Petitioner**
   - **A.** SLU-2021-001; Miller Pipeline (6777 Metroplex) – Petitioners John Romano from D&G Building and Josh Sargent from Miller Pipeline, LLC appeared before Council to discuss their request for a Special Land Use. (Action taken by Council under agenda item 6E)

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

Res. # 21-147 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a Memorial Resolution for Jerome P. Ladach.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Mayor Burcroff acknowledged and thanked all of the residents, city staff and local businesses who all participated in City of Romulus Clean Sweep Event. Mayor Burcroff announced that this would be Cpt. Monte's last meeting and thanked him for his years of service to the Romulus Police Department. Chief Pfannes gave remarks and complimented Cpt. Monte on his outstanding years of service in the City of Romulus. Councilmembers also gave remarks for Cpt. Monte.

A. **Res. # 21-148** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve and concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract for Services of Independent Contractor with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grant Independent Contractor (MIDC) Administrative Assistant, Mary Ellen Bohn.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #21-149** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve and concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Construction Inspection MDOT Tri-Party Agreement with the State of Michigan, ROWE Engineering, and the City of Romulus for the Beverly Road Phase II (Beverly Court to 1500' east of Merriman) project.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

C. **Res. #21-150** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve and concur with the Administration and authorize **No-Fee Permits** for activities during the 2021 Summer Events taking place on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Fridays in June, July, and August.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #21-151 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve and concur with the Administration and authorize the following **Road Closures**: Hunt St. between Goddard Rd and Bibbins St. beginning at 3:00 pm. and ending at 10:00 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Fridays in June, July, and August.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Smart Training – No discussion/No action taken

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

A. **Res. #21-152** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Study Session Request from Roberto Scappaticci, DPW Director, for June 7, 2021, @ 6:00 pm to discuss changes in engineering standards.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #21-153** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Study Session request from City Treasurer, Stacy Paige for June 7, 2021, @ 7:00 pm to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

C. **Res. #21-154** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Study Session Request from Joshua Monte, Police Captain, for June 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the leasing of marked patrol vehicles and purchase of Motorola radios for police and dispatch.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

D. **Res. #21-155** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** for Approval of the 2021 Honorary Street Sign Dedications.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

E. **Res. #21-156** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve Special Land Use request, SLU 2021-001; Miller Pipeline at 6777 Metroplex.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment – A resident inquired about the I-275 MDOT project and if it will affect the new bike paths; and are there any safeguards in place? The resident also asked for an update on Hannan and Northline Roads.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

Councilman Wadsworth inquired about a letter residents received regarding the Frank Poet Drain. Roberto Scappaticci responded to Councilman Wadsworth's inquiry and answered questions from Council concerning the drain. Mayor Burcroff ask Mr. Scappaticci to give an update on the resident's inquiry about the I-275 MDOT project and the bike paths. Cpt. Josh Monte addressed the Council and thanked everyone for their working relationship throughout his years serving in Romulus with the Romulus Police Department.

Res. #21-157 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a Resolution in recognition of Captain Joshua Monte for his years of service.

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

11. Warrant

A. **Res. #21-158** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-10 for checks presented in the amount of $1,333,460.69.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Res. #21-159 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a Memorial Resolution for Dr. John Golden Jr.

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

Abdo – Acknowledged and thanked all those who donated to the 'Sponsor a Student to Prom' campaign. Enough money was raised to sponsor 32 students to prom.
Talley – Acknowledged and thanked Cpt. Josh Monte for his years of service and also commented on the School District.
Williams – Asked for a Memorial Resolution for Dr. John Golden, Jr. and announced the Forgotten Harvest, Tuesdays at Romulus High School, from 11am to 1:30pm.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** for adjournment at 8:43 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 May 24, 2021.

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