



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 10, 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 7:32 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

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; Victoria Trush - Assistant Finance Director; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Joshua Monte - Police Captain; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Kathy Hood - Deputy DPW Director; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Merrie Drury - TIFA/DDA Director & Economic Development Coordinator.

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. #21-137** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Roscoe

Motion Carried

- B. **Res. #21-138** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the public hearing to discuss the Preliminary Budget FY 2021/2022 held on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:15 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Roscoe

Motion Carried

3. Petitioner - None

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

A. 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. #21-139 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the lease-purchase agreement with Comerica Leasing for the lease-purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford E-450 Ambulance Demo in the amount of \$206,902.33 at the fixed interest rate of 2.04% for four (4) years with the first payment to be made May 1, 2022. The City would own the vehicle at the term of the lease.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #21-140 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy authorization for the City of Romulus and 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as submitted by Mayor Burcroff.

***CITY OF ROMULUS
GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT***

A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and millage rates to support this budget.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COUNCIL	\$	98,210
MAYOR		689,739
CLERK		675,399
FINANCIAL SERVICES		11,637,364
TREASURER		461,819
PUBLIC SAFETY		1,452,004
PUBLIC SERVICES		3,321,658

	COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	128,748
	RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL	653,645
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,118,586
REVENUES		
	PROPERTY TAXES	8,663,230
	BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	216,000
	FEDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES	-
	STATE GRANTS & REVENUES	4,192,300
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	638,120
	FINES & FORFEITS	900,000
	INTEREST & RENTS	601,380
	OTHER REVENUES	1,529,750
	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS	69,920
	NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,259,200
	TOTAL REVENUES	18,069,900
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	1,048,686
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	19,118,586

SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	1,798,112
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	285,000
TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND	205,780
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	2,288,892
REVENUES	2,377,750

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES	981,057
REVENUES	973,700
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	7,357
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	981,057

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the

Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	<u>14,271,020</u>
REVENUES	<u>14,271,020</u>

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER	<u>2,191,530</u>
REVENUES	<u>2,196,440</u>

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CEMETERY FUND	<u>8,000</u>
REVENUES	<u>100</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	7,900
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>8,000</u>

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION	<u>327,686</u>
REVENUES	<u>369,620</u>

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	<u>101,740</u>
REVENUES	<u>99,740</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	2,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>101,740</u>

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the

Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING	<u>627,840</u>
REVENUES	<u>609,406</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	18,434
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>627,840</u>

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	<u>15,500</u>
REVENUES	<u>20,810</u>

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND	<u>2,300</u>
REVENUES	<u>10,700</u>

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION	<u>1,343,440</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,347,100</u>

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS	<u>35,000</u>
REVENUES	<u>35,000</u>

SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	<u>398,360</u>
REVENUES	<u>398,240</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	120
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>398,360</u>

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

9 1 1 FUND	165,920
REVENUES	135,460
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	30,460
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	165,920

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	23,760
REVENUES	-
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	23,760
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	23,760

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	151,880
REVENUES	51,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	100,880
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	151,880

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	1,129,165
REVENUES	859,373
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	269,792
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,129,165

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Special Assessment - Beverly Road Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - BEVERLY ROAD	82,540
REVENUES	2,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	80,540
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	82,540

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017B Court Building Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	<u>1,044,425</u>
REVENUES	<u>888,250</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	156,175
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>1,044,425</u>

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017A Ecorse/Vining Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	<u>1,199,680</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,278,923</u>

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	<u>205,780</u>
REVENUES	<u>205,780</u>

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT SERVICE	<u>320,000</u>
REVENUES	<u>95,000</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	225,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>320,000</u>

SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

WATER DEBT SERVICE	<u>-</u>
REVENUES	<u>500</u>

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Ecorse Construction & Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION	<u>981,853</u>
REVENUES	<u>5,000</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	976,853
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>981,853</u>

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION	<u>37,746</u>
REVENUES	<u>100</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	37,646
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>37,746</u>

SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	<u>16,935,138</u>
REVENUES	<u>14,199,203</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	2,735,935
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>16,935,138</u>

SECTION 29. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	<u>1,914,270</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,325,550</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	588,720
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>1,914,270</u>

SECTION 30. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	<u>689,939</u>
REVENUES	<u>705,040</u>

SECTION 31. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	<u>644,860</u>
REVENUES	<u>651,250</u>

SECTION 32. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	<u>2,868,160</u>
REVENUES	<u>2,980,680</u>

SECTION 33. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	3,610
REVENUES	9,760

SECTION 34. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	615,604
REVENUES	501,090
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	114,514
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	615,604

SECTION 35. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II	8,661,431
REVENUES	5,755,300
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	2,906,131
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	8,661,431

SECTION 36. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 34th District Court on an activity basis, the following:

34th DISTRICT COURT	4,549,500
REVENUES	4,549,500

SECTION 37. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	8,630,260
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SECTION 38. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 39. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063
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P.A. 359 MILLAGE	0.0464
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500
EPA LEVY MILLAGE	0.1682

SECTION 40. Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

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

Motion Carried

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

- A. Res. #21-141** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution to approve the ballot language to be placed on the ballot for November 2, 2021, General Election.

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

Motion Carried

- B. Res. #21-142** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Proposed 2021-2022 Fee Schedule.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer - No Report

8. Public Comment - None

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business

Councilperson Wadsworth commended a DPW worker for his careful explanation to residents about the water project on Barth Road.

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #21-143** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-9 Checks presented in the amount of \$941,327.46.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #21-144** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve Warrant #: 21-9E Checks presented in the amount of \$12,268.75.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Roscoe reminded residents of the paper shred day on May 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the City Hall Complex. She also reminded residents of the Free Dumping Days on May 20th through the 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Councilperson Talley expressed gratitude for the ribbon-cutting event at the new 34th District Court building. She reminded residents that Romulus High School is looking for donations for "swag bags" for high school seniors. May 24th is the deadline for donations. Councilperson Talley commended the ceremony for the merger of two VFW posts.

Res. #21-145 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution celebrating the 90th birthday of Carmelita Johnson.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Councilperson Williams also reminded residents that Forgotten Harvest will be at the Romulus High School every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 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 10, 2021.



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