



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 28, 2022

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

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

**Absent / Excused:**

### **Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Robert McCraight, Mayor

### **Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director

### **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. #22-288** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Roscoe

**Motion Carried**

- B. Res. #22-289** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **3. Petitioner**

- A. Petition:** Special Assessment District - Brandt & Cypress **Petitioner:** John Romano  
John Romano was present representing the petitioners for the reconstruction of Brandt St. and Cypress St. He presented pictures of the current state of the roads. Councilmembers inquired of DPW Director Roberto Scappaticci regarding the funding mechanism, clarification of who pays for the road improvements, and added costs to the current sewer system.

**Res. #22-290** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a resolution determining the need for the improvement of Brandt St and Cypress St. between Ecorse Rd. and Beverly Rd. and further direct the city engineers to prepare a report ascertaining the quantities of materials necessary for the completion of such improvement and prepare a detailed estimate of all the expenses incidental to the improvement.

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

Nays - Webb

**Motion Carried**

**Res. #22-291** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to schedule a public hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing and hearing any objections to the proposed improvements.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

Councilperson Abdo presented award certificates to the winners of the 2022 Halloween Scarecrow Contest.

- 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 – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**

State Representatives-elect Reggie Miller and Dylan Wegela addressed the City Council.

- A. Res. #22-292** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road between Moore Street and the railroad tracks east of Shook Road beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2022 and ending at 11:00 p.m. that evening for the Annual Tree lighting and arrival of the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train.

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. #22-293** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-9 in the amount of \$105,000.00 to use funds that were budgeted in FY 21 for five (5) police vehicles that were not delivered in 2021.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. Res. #22-294** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, December 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**

**8. Public Comment**

A resident addressed the City Council regarding his candidacy for trustee of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education at the November 8, 2022 General Election.

**9. Unfinished Business**

Councilperson Wadsworth informed the Mayor of compliments he received regarding the filling of the ditch at Hannan Rd and Barth St.

**10. New Business - None**

**11. Warrant**

- A. Res. #22-295** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 22-22 for checks presented in the amount of \$667,984.88.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. Res. #22-296** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve Warrant #: 22-22E for checks presented in the amount of \$19,597.00.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**12. Communication**

Councilperson Talley commented on previous and upcoming community/business events and encouraged residents to stay involved with the City.

Councilperson Abdo commented on a previous event held at Romulus Community Schools.

Councilperson Williams commented on an upcoming business event and reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest food program.

Councilperson Barden relayed compliments from residents to the Mayor & his administration and also congratulated Belleville High School on becoming division champions.

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 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 November 28, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ellen L. Craig-Bragg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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