



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 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: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo, Tina Talley, Eva Webb

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director

1. Agenda

- A.** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes

- A.** **Res. #22-008** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 4, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner - None

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

Res. #22-009 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Richard Yeramian.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams,

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- A.** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor

Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko presented the Mayor's Report in the absence of Mayor McCraight.

- A. Res. #22-010** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all activities during the 2022 Craft and Vendor Shows hosted by Flowers in the Mitten as well as the closure of Goddard Road between Romaine and Olive Streets beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: June 25, 2022, August 13, 2022, and September 17, 2022 (as part of Pumpkin Festival), and October 22, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Res. #22-011** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Second Amendment Lease agreement with Big Steve's Designz, LLC for the lease of 35255 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Tanya Cofield, MLK Day Planning Committee member, updated City Council and residents on the changes to the MLK Day Community Celebration. She announced that the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club has been canceled due to the surge in COVID cases throughout the state. Coffee and packaged pastries will be served in place of the pancake breakfast; however, the community march and subsequent program will proceed as scheduled.

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer – Nothing to report

8. Public Comment - None

9. Unfinished Business

Councilperson Wadsworth inquired about any legislation that would allow public meetings to be conducted remotely. Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko responded that there is no pending legislation at this time; however, many municipalities are asking the same questions as they struggle with the COVID surge and hope that their collected concerns will bring legislation to the floor. Councilperson Williams thanked the Chief of Staff for the update and reminded residents that the Council does not have the authority to mandate wearing a mask as the body must follow Federal, State, and County Guidelines.

10. New Business

Councilperson Wadsworth wished his wife a happy birthday.

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #22-012** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve Warrant #:22-1. for checks presented in the amount of \$258,585.73.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Communication

Councilperson Williams reminded the residents that Forgotten Harvest has canceled every distribution center in Wayne County due to the frigid temperatures. She also announced the DTE Customer Assistance Day where programs will be conducted by various organizations to assist with utility bills. She expressed her concerns around the recent promotions in the Romulus Police Department. Councilperson Wadsworth inquired if the recent promotions in the police department will decrease patrol officers. The Chief of Staff confirmed that it will not decrease the number of officers patrolling the streets. State Representative Shery Gay-Dagnago updated the Council and residents on the recent federal lawsuit seeking to block the approved redistricting maps from the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. She also thanked the Council for their unanimous resolution objecting to the approved maps. She further mentioned that the lawsuit will be amended to include the unanimous resolution.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Virginia 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 January 10, 2022.



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