



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 24, 2022

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

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

Absent / Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer (Remote)

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff (Remote); Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director (Remote); Robert Pfannes - Police Chief (Remote); Julie Albert - Director of Assessing & Financial Services (Remote)

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. #22-013** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Talley, Webb

Motion Carried

- B. **Res. #22-014** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the audit presentation by Plante Moran.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Abdo, Talley, Webb

Motion Carried

3. Petitioner - None

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

State Senator Erika Geiss and State Representative Alex Garza presented a Special Tribute to Clerk Bragg for her recognition as the 2021 City Clerk of the Year.

- 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

- A. **Res. #22-015** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and adopt the Resolution for the City of Romulus Poverty Exemption for 2022 to be used by the Board of Review to review or approve poverty exemptions.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #22-016** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company for an actuarial valuation to determine the City's Retiree Healthcare Plan.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #22-017** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Romulus Schools for one (1) School Resource Officer.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #22-018** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and approve the re-appointments of Stanley Bragg and Vonda Cooley to the Police, Fire & Safety Commission with terms to expire on February 22, 2025.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #22-019** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and approve the re-appointment of Cathy Freitag and appoint Emery Long to the Planning Commission with terms to expire January 31, 2025.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. **Res. #22-020** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B770081 to purchase one (1) 2022 Ford Explorer XLT (K8B) with options from Gorno Ford at a cost of \$34,823.00.

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

Nays - Williams

Motion Carried

- G. Res. #22-021** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and award RFP 20/21-09 to Campbell, Inc. Mechanical Services for a ten (10) year contract, for performing maintenance and as needed repairs and equipment replacement on the HVAC systems in all City buildings at the costs associated, in the pricing sheet.

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. #22-022** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Study Session requests for Monday, April 4, 2022, and Monday, April 11, 2022; and, approve the Public Hearing request for Monday, May 2, 2022, for the purposes of discussing and presenting the 2022/23 FY Budgets.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige announced the 2022 Annual Dog & Cat Inoculations scheduled for February 26, 2022.

8. Public Comment - None

9. Unfinished Business

Councilperson Abdo spoke about the correspondence she received indicating that a resident who passed away during the September 11th attack will be honored on the 9/11 Memorial Wall.

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #22-023** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #22-2 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,408,603.63.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley announced that the Black-owned business & vendor showcase sponsored by the Romulus Chamber of Commerce will be held on February 26, 2022, from 2p - 6p at the City Event Center. Councilperson Williams announced that Forgotten Harvest has canceled distribution due to the frigid weather but plan to continue distribution on February 1st.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 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 January 24, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ellen L. Craig-Bragg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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