



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 28, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Absent / Excused: William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk, Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff;

Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services; Derran Shelby - Deputy Police Chief; Merrie Druyor

- TIFA/DDA Director; Patty Braden - Library 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, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. Res. #22-038** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Webb

Motion Carried

- B. Res. #22-039** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the 2022/23 FY budget for Council.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Webb

Motion Carried

3. Petitioner - None

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

Res. #22-040 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Betty Scott.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #22-041 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mary Evelyn Carr.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Clerk Bragg presented the memorial resolution to the family of Mary Evelyn Carr.

Councilwoman Talley presented an award to the winner of the 2021 “Why I love Romulus” Contest and announced the 2022 “Why I Love Romulus” Contest to coincide with the birthday of the City.

A. 2020-21 State of the Library Presentation

Patty Braden, Library Director, presented a PowerPoint detailing the achievements of 2021 and goals for 2022 in the 2020/21 State of the Library.

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Dr. Kari Krantz spoke before City Council regarding registration for the Romulus Community Schools Listening Sessions and solicited participation from residents and stakeholders of the school district.

A. Res. #22-042 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all Relay for Life activities, as well as the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2022, and ending at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2022.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #22-043 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Master Educational Affiliation Agreement between Romulus Fire Department and Schoolcraft Community College which will allow EMS students from Schoolcraft College to job shadow with the Romulus Fire Department as part of the State required clinical contact hours for the EMT program.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Res. #225-044 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and reject all bids received and award ITB 21/22-02 to Justice Fence Co. for the purchase and installation of a security gate at the 34th District Court in the amount of \$29,998.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #22-045** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and award Bid ITB 21/22-10 to both bidding companies, Cadillac Asphalt (year one (1) \$120.00 per ton, year two (2) \$125.00 per ton) and Ajax Paving (year one (1) \$115.00 per ton, year (2) \$120.00 per ton) for a two (2) year term to expire on 2/28/2024 with the option to extend the bid for not more than three (3) additional one (1) year terms per the terms of the original bid and upon written mutual agreement for UPM –Cold Patch for the DPW.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #22-046** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and award Bid ITB 21/22-13 to the two most responsive and responsible bidders, Jam Best One and Shrader Tire & Oil Inc. Jam Best One has guaranteed pricing for one year period ending February 28, 2023, and Shrader Tire an Oil have guaranteed pricing for a two-year period ending February 28, 2024.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. Res. #22-047** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 21/22-10 to cover unforeseen costs to the Wayne County Drain Assessment due to increased costs for the Drain's Public Benefit Account.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u> <u>NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>FUND</u> <u>BALANCE</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
101 General Fund				
<u>Expense</u>				
101-445-934.401	Drain/Watersheds	\$15,500.00	\$18,000.00	\$33,500.00
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
101-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$8,979,616.011	\$(18,000)	\$8,979,598.011

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. Res. #22-048** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session request for Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #22-049** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to amend the dates of the 2022 Citywide Spring Yard Sale to Thursday, May 19th, Friday May 20th, Saturday May 21st, and Sunday, May 22nd with rain dates of Thursday May 26th, Friday May 27th, Saturday May 28th, and Sunday May 29th and amend the dates of the 2022 Citywide Fall Yard Sale to Thursday, September 22nd, Friday September 23rd, Saturday September 24th, and Sunday, September 25th with rain dates of Thursday, September 29th, Friday September 30th, Saturday October 1st, and Sunday, October 2nd.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

For the Record, Councilperson Webb left the meeting due to illness at 8:29 p.m.

Clerk Bragg announced the deadlines for the Wayne County tax foreclosure program and announced the Community Shred Day for the City of Romulus on May 14, 2022.

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

A representative from St. John Lodge #44 announced a youth day bowling fundraiser on March 13, 2022, at 5 p.m.; Clerk Bragg read an emailed public comment into the record.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilperson Abdo announced that the Library is open for business after a brief closure period. She also requested that the administration address the concerns from the public comment read into the record.

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #22-050** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 22-4 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,360,063.22.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley acknowledged all the dignitaries and attendees of the Black Business & Vendor Showcase. Councilperson Williams announced that Forgotten Harvest will be at the Romulus High School on Tuesday.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, 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 February 28, 2022.



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