

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING January 14, 2019

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

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-010 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 7, 2019. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Barden. **Motion Carried.**

19-011 2B. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 7, 2019 – Open Session, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grant. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Barden. **Motion Carried.**

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report

Mayor Pro Tem Barden thanked Chairwoman Pro Tem Tina Talley for filling in for him at the last Council meeting.

19-012 4A. Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of John Frank Losen, Sr. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-013 4B. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ronald Collins. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-014 4C. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Earl Cliff Beem. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-015 4D. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Georgia Rose Hughes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. Moved by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

19-016 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a grant agreement between the State of Michigan – Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and the City of Romulus from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 with a local share of \$54,215.

Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked Police Captain Monte if the City will be responsible for any over-ages of funds and he replied yes; however, the Finance Dept. will monitor the transactions. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-017 5B. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-20 to recognize anticipated revenues to be received from Michigan Indigent Defense Compliance Plan Grant Funding and set up the anticipated line item budget for additional operational expenses for FY 2018/19. Any revenues in excess of expenditures will roll over into fund balance and will be utilized for the FY 2019/20 budget according to the State of Michigan's grant period.

Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked Police Captain Monte if any officers will be taken off the street to comply with the Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis; and, Captain Monte replied no. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report

City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg announced the annual Martin Luther King Day Walk/Celebration that will be held on Monday, January 21, 2019 beginning at 7:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at the Middle School.

19-018 6A1. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Talley** to reappoint Donald Morris and John Clark to the Board of Zoning Appeals:

Donald Morris, regular member – three-year term to commence July 1, 2018 and expire on June 30, 2021. John Clark, alternate member – two-year term to commence July 1, 2018 and expire on June 30, 2020. Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked why the reappointments are being requested so far after the expiration dates of their terms. Councilwoman Webb said she will ask the Planning Director about the reappointments. Councilwoman Abdo asked for a complete list of the Boards and Commissions. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment

Oscar Arbleu, representative from Rashida Tlaib's office, spoke about satellite offices for Congresswoman Tlaib.

8. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth asked if residents will be notified before the Wick Road Project starts and Mayor Burcroff replied that yes they will be notified; and, notices will be posted on social media, etc.

9. New Business

Councilwoman Williams said she has received complaints about the wording of the introduction that is read before Number 7 on the agenda, Public Comment.

10. Communication

Councilwoman Talley thanked Councilwoman Williams for the delicious food she provided for the 13th District quarterly meeting. Councilwoman Talley also gave a reminder that the annual Soul Food Dinner will be held on Feb. 7, 2019.

19-019 10A. Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Webb** to adopt a resolution to recognize City of Romulus resident, Sharon Walker, upon receiving an award from the 13th Congressional District Democratic Party Organization. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

11. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **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 14, 2019.