

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Council Chairperson, Tina Talley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

**Absent / Excused:** John Barden

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney

## 1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** for approval of the August 12, 2019, Regular Council Meeting Amended Agenda - (Item 5C removed from the agenda.)  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #19238** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** for approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held on August 5, 2019 as presented.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. **Res. #19239** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** for approval of the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on August 5, 2019 - 2 Closed Session meetings at 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm to discuss attorney opinions; Study Session at 7:00 pm to discuss the City of Romulus Capital Improvement Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 3. Petitioner – None

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

Council Chairperson, Tina Talley asked everyone to keep Councilman Barden and his family in their thoughts and prayers during their time of bereavement; The Council Chairperson congratulated a local business, Artisan Reserve, for being listed in Grubhub as one of the top breweries in the Detroit area.

**Res. #19240** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution in memory of Councilman Barden's sister, Yvonne Barden Penn.

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 5. Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

The Mayor's Report was presented by the Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko.; The Chief of Staff presented a video of upcoming community events and acknowledged the birthdays of Councilwoman Kathy Abdo and City Treasurer, Stacy Paige.

- A. **Res. #19241** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the RFP 18/19-10, Energy Savings Performance Contract and concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the audit portion of the Energy Efficiency Program with Johnson Controls, Inc., and include an amended completion date. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- B. **Res. #19242** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve and concur with the administration to waive, for both, the bidding for the front apron repair project at Fire Station #2 and the bonding requirements due to improper cement base and drainage discovered during the approved cement project in the North bay at Fire Station #2. **Motion Carried.**

## C. ~~DDA Board Reappointments and Appointments~~

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

- A. **Res #19243** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading, Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-04, introduced at the Council meeting of August 5, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- B. **Res. #19244** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Second Reading, Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-05 introduced at the Council meeting of August 5, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- C. **Res. #19245** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Second Reading, Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-03 introduced at the Council meeting of August 5, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- D. **Res. #19246** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Public Hearing Request for Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 6:30 pm - Scannell Properties LLC, 6999 Cogswell St., Application for ITF Exemption Certificate. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 7. Attorney's Report

- A. **Res. #19247** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Metro World Center Termination of Agreements, Easements, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- B. **Res. #19248** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Resolution To adopt the opinion of the Corporation Counsel that the Ballot Initiative Regarding Recreational Marihuana is Illegal in Form. **Motion Carried.**

## 8. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

- A. **Res. #19249** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Deposit in Place Program Rider to the Investment Advisory Agreement with Robinson Capital management, LLC.  
**Motion Carried.**

- B. **Res. #19250** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Investment Management Agreement with Robinson Capital. **Motion Carried.**

- C. **Res. #19251** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Resolution designating Robinson Capital Management, LLC as a Depository. **Motion Carried.**

## 9. Public Comment - Three (3) residents requested to have comments.

## 10. Unfinished Business

## 11. New Business

## 12. Communication

Councilwoman Williams asked everyone to keep city employee Monique Talley in their thoughts and prayers during her time of bereavement in the loss of her mother.

Councilwoman Abdo reminded everyone of the Romulus Historical Society Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the Historical Park.

## 13. Warrant

- A. **Res. #19252** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for approval of Warrant #: 19-15, Checks presented in the amount of \$2,589,366.79. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## 14. Adjournment

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for adjournment of the regular council meeting.

**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 August 12, 2019.



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