

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 2020

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

The Meeting was Called to Order by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden, Jr. at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Absent / Excused: None.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Leroy Burcroff, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

Robin R. Underwood, Deputy Clerk

Julie Albert, City Assessor

1. Agenda

Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Res. #20-071 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2020. Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #20-072 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing held on February 24, 2020. Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner- None.

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

A Special Meeting/Study Session was held today at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the ITB #19/20-15 2020 HMA Road Paving Contract.

Res. #20-073 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Memorial Resolution for Lorie B. (Hadyniak) Zilka. Motion Carried Unanimously

Councilman Wadsworth spoke on the 16th annual Romulus Animal Shelter Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

-A community events video was presented.

-Mayor Burcroff invited Pete Fromm, Management Professional, of Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) to address the Council, and speak on the impending Wick Road Project and its impact on the upcoming Election Season.

-Mayor Burcroff invited Julie Albert, Director of Financial Services to address the Council and answer questions regarding the proposed Special Assessment.

A. Res. #20-074 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with Administration and confirm and certify the proposed Special Assessment Roll for the removal and replacement of pedestrian lighting on the West Side of Wickham from Merriman south to Wick. Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #20-075 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Virginia Williams to concur with Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Romulus and Michigan Recreation and Park Association ('mParks) for Infrastructure Enhancements at Boice/Fernandez Parkway/Trail (Columbus/Hearst Streets) for \$10,000 for seal coating the parkway and Physical Activity Programming (Walk Michigan) at Boice/Fernandez Parkway/Trail for \$4,400.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

-Video highlighting the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election was presented by City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg.

A. Res. #20-076 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Second Reading; Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-16 MIDC Funding.

Table with 5 columns: FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO., ACCOUNT NAME, CURRENT BUDGET, AMENDMENT, AMENDED BUDGET. Rows include Revenues (State Grant MIDC Reimb, Investment Earnings, Transfer-In General Fund) and Expense (Police Overtime Wages, Police Social Security, Police Medicare, Defined Benefit Plan, Worker's Comp, Contractual Atty Fee, Contractual Services).

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 FY2019/20. Any revenues in excess of expenditures will roll over into fund balance and will be utilized for the FY2020/21 budget according to the State of Michigan's grant period.

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige announced that Real Property Taxes or Personal Property Taxes are due by 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Drop boxes are available for ease of access to make payments, and a Kiosk is available at the RAC. A heartfelt, "Thank you!" to the Treasurer's Office staff for the Dog/Cat day inoculation support. St. John's Lodge fundraiser is on Sunday.

Councilman Wadsworth talked about the annual Dog/Cat inoculation day.

8. Public Comment - None.

9. Unfinished Business - None.

10. New Business

Councilwoman Williams led discussion on the new Interim Chief of Police, Robert Pfannes. An announcement of the Swearing-In will take place Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

11. Communication

-Councilwoman Talley spoke about the Soul Food dinner, and thanked all for their support, donations, and community service.

-Mayor Burcroff stated, "Good Work" relative to the annual Soul Food dinner.

-Mayor Pro Tem Barden spoke about Romulus Alumni and gathering; Congratulated the Romulus H.S. Basketball team as the Western League Champions.

-Councilwoman Abdo thanked all who participated in the annual Romulus Drug Task Force bowling fundraiser.

-Councilwoman Webb thanked Tina Talley for a Fabulous Job, and great communication during the two day school closure/inclimate weather conditions which preempted the scheduled Soul Food dinner cancellation, but successfully serving Romulus Seniors and residents for two days, thereafter.

-Councilwoman Williams thanked city employee Roger Kadau for his support during the bowling fun-filled festivities.

12. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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 March 2, 2020.

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