

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 27, 2020**  
**MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY - VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilman William Wadsworth**

The City Clerk announced that the council meeting was being held electronically in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-15 which suspends all in-person government activities not necessary to sustain or protect life and allows the city council meeting to be held electronically. The Clerk further gave instructions on how the public can join the meeting and participate in the public comment section of the meeting.

**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  
Ellen L. Craig Bragg, Clerk  
Stacey Paige, Treasurer

**1. Agenda**

- A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for approval of the Agenda.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**2. Minutes**

- A. **Res. # 20-110** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on 4/13/2020.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**3. Petitioner - None**

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

**Res. #20-111** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and the Human Resources Director's recommendation to approve the Tentative Agreement for the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Romulus and the Teamsters Local 214, to be effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

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

Mayor Burcroff extended birthday wishes to the Clerk and Councilpersons Talley and Wadsworth; and he acknowledged and thanked the team, elected officials, and IT Director, Steve Dudek for working together to utilize technology to hold the electronic public meetings and keep government moving forward.

- A. **Res. #20-112** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Resolution Regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) - City to continue the State of Emergency for the City of Romulus until the expiration of the Governor's State of Emergency and any extensions of that State of Emergency by the Legislature.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- B. **Res. #20-113** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Construction Services MDOT Tri-party Agreement with ROWE Engineering for the Beverly Road Phase I (Middlebelt to Beverly Court) project. The agreement proposal outlines a construction service plan with a cost of \$164,376.04. Note that 80% of this cost will be paid by the State of Michigan.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- C. **Res. #20-114** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement and Park Improvement Grant with Wayne County (pending approval by Wayne County Commissioners), accepting the awarded \$24,895.00 grant for improvements to McAnally Park located on 6127 Cordell Street and Jimmy Raspberry Park, located on 36289 Cypress Street to update and reopen these parks. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

**7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**

The City Treasurer reminded residents to utilize the drop box to make their payments. The drop box is checked daily.

**8. Public Comment -** No one from the public requested to speak, via teleconferencing or email.

**9. Unfinished Business**

**10. New Business**

Councilman Wadsworth commented that in the last 5 days, in Wayne County, the number of new cases of coronavirus has dropped.

**11. Warrant**

- A. **Res. #20-115** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve Warrant #20-8 for checks presented in the amount of \$892,336.10.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**12. Communication**

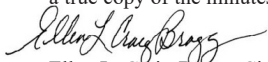
Councilwoman Talley commented on the 2020 Census and reported that the Average National Response rate for the City of Romulus is at 61.7%, which is above the State and County overall response rate. She further congratulated the citizens of Romulus and urged residents to encourage those who have not completed the 2020 Census, to do so. • Councilman Barden extended birthday wishes to the City Clerk and Councilpersons, Talley and Wadsworth. • Councilwoman Webb thanked all of the first responders, city employees, elected officials for their dedicated services through the COVID-19 crisis. • Councilwoman Williams reminded everyone that Forgotten Harvest will be at the HS on Tuesday beginning at 2:00 pm to pass out food; she further announced that any senior citizen in need of face masks and/or gloves can call 734-673-8396. • Councilwoman Roscoe extended her sympathies to the residents who have lost loved ones to COVID-19.

**13. Adjournment**

- A. Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

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 April 27, 2020.



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