

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 2020

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

## 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:

Leroy Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk Stacy Paige, Treasurer

## 1. Agenda

### A. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Agenda

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 2. Minutes

### A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 27, 2020

**Res. # 20-185** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 27, 2020

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### B. Approval of Minutes from the Public Hearing held on July 27, 2020

**Res. # 20-186** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing held on July 27, 2020

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 3. Petitioner

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

Chairwoman Pro-Tem Talley announced that on July 29, 2020, Governor Whitmer passed an executive order limiting public indoor gatherings to ten people. Since there are eight elected officials in the Council Chambers this evening, two persons from the public may enter at a time. Also, face coverings are not required when persons speak at the meeting - including Council members as long as they abide by the social distancing of six feet. Ms. Talley announced that Romulus has surpassed the 70 percent mark for census replies.

### A. Approval of the Chairperson's Report

Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the Chairperson's Report

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

Director of Community Development and Marketing, Jazmine Danci, via zoom, spoke about the city's first community drive-in movie in the park and she thanked the schools for allowing the use of the field behind the senior center. Ms. Danci also introduced, via zoom, Romulus residents Steve and Wendy Harmon, who will be leasing the building at 35255 Goddard Road. Half of the building will be used as a custom motorcycle bodywork repair shop and the other half a specialized salon for beauty and wellness along with a community coffee shop.

### A. Request to Sign Lease with Big Steve's Designz, LLC

**Res. # 20-187** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Request to Sign Lease with Big Steve's Designz, LLC

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

### A. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-1

**Res. #20-188** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-1

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### B. Second Reading and Final adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-2

**Res. # 20-189** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-2

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### C. Study Session request from Stacy Paige, City Treasurer for Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

**Res. # 20-190** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Study Session request from Stacy Paige, City Treasurer for Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

City Clerk gave a reminder that the polls open on Election Day at 7 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. All seven polling locations and 12 precincts are open for the Primary Election on Aug. 4, 2020. Due to the road construction in various locations, the clerk advised of alternate routes to the polls. She also informed that 58 percent of the absentee ballots that were mailed out have been returned to the Clerk's Office.

## 7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

## 8. Public Comment

A resident commented about judges who owe back taxes whether they should be allowed to run for the office of judge. A resident spoke about the construction on Wick Road and a drug deal she witnessed. A resident, via zoom, asked if there will be additional ballot drop boxes installed around the city before the November Election.

## 9. Unfinished Business

Treasurer Stacy Paige sent a message to thank Council for scheduling her requested study session and that she has nothing else under her report.

Councilwoman Webb spoke about the possibility of re-scheduling the November 2nd Council meeting due to the November 3rd Election.

## 10. New Business

Councilman Wadsworth inquired about the construction on Vining Road.

Mayor Burcroff stated that maintenance construction is being done in order to keep the area desirable for development and that TIFA grant funds are covering the expense.

## 11. Communication

## 12. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adjourn the Council meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, 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 August 3, 2020.