

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 28, 2020

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

MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY

VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Wadsworth

Roll Call

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

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenull - Deputy Clerk; Carol Maise - Planning Director; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Joshua Monte - Police Captain; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney

1. Agenda

A. Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the agenda as presented

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Webb

Motion Carried

2. Minutes

A. Res. #20-246 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Minutes from the Regular meeting held on September 14, 2020

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Webb

Motion Carried

B. Res. #20-247 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting(s) held on September 14, 2020 - 5:45pm, Closed Session - Union Matters; 6:30pm, Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Webb

Motion Carried

3. Petitioner

Res. #20-248 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the SLU-2020-002; Spartan Barricade (30211 Ecorse) Special Land Use Request

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth,

Nays - None

Abstain - Williams, Webb

Motion Carried

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

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

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Williams

Motion Carried

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

A. Res. #20-249 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to accept the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-6 Library

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #20-250 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-7 Library

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Res. #20-251 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-8 Library

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Res. #20-252 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to accept the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-9 Public Safety

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A. Res. #20-253 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to approve the Study Session Request from Roberto Scapaticci, DPW Director for 10/12/2020 @ 6:30pm

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #20-254 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to accept the Second Reading and Final Adoption of TA-2020-001; Article 16 Condominiums

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

Nays - Abdo, Williams

Motion Carried

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige made reminder that taxes are due 9/29/20. She gave drop-off locations and encouraged everyone to not mail their taxes to avoid late fee.

8. Public Comment - Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.

A resident inquired if any incentives are given to Romulus residents as it relates to the Amazon plant and recently announced Kroger Fulfillment Center

The same resident also complained about heavy weeds on the side of his condominium that aren't being handled, in addition to a knocked down tree.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth inquired, on behalf of a resident, as to when the VA memorial will be put back up and restarted - The mayor will look into the matter.

10. New Business

11. Warrant

A. Res. #20-255 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Approval of Warrant #: 20-18, Checks presented in the amount of \$1,007,783.42

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

Nays - Williams

Motion Carried

12. Communication

Councilwoman Roscoe announced the winner of the Sunflower Growing Contest. She introduced the Cutest Baby/Cutest Pet Contest with an entry deadline of 10/9/2020. She also the Fall Harvest Porch Decoration Contest with a deadline of 10/25/2020. She introduced the Romulus Art Fall Contest with a deadline of 10/23/20. She also made a reminder of the Cornhole tournament to benefit low-income seniors being held on 10/3/20 at Blue Sky or at the Historical Park Pavilion if it rains.

Councilwoman Talley thanked everyone for their support of the US Census and reminded everyone that the Ministerial Alliance Pop-up prayer will be at the Fourth St area near Romulus Community Baptist Church. Councilwoman Williams thanked council and everyone for their support of Forgotten Harvest, whose last day was 9/23/20. She also introduced two memorial resolutions

Res. #20-256 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Eva Webb to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Anita Green

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #20-257 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Eva Webb to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Diane Mayweather

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

13. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, 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 September 28, 2020.



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