

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

1. Agenda

- A.** Approval of Agenda
Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Amended Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A.** Approval of minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 8, 2020.
Res. # 20-237 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 8, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

- B.** Approval of minutes from the Special Meeting - Closed Session held on September 8, 2020
Res. # 20-238 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting - Closed Session held on September 8, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

- A.** SLU-2017-001; **Mid-Michigan Crushing & Recycling** (28175 Ecorse Rd.) Special Land Use Request
Res. # 20-239 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the SLU-2017-001; **Mid-Michigan Crushing & Recycling** (28175 Ecorse Rd.) Special Land Use Request for concrete and asphalt crushing operations subject to the conditions of site plan approval

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb
Nays - None
Abstain - Williams
Motion Carried

- B.** SLU-2020-002; **Spartan Barricade** (30211 Ecorse) Special Land Use Request
No Petitioners. No action taken

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

- Res. # 20-240** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the tentative agreement for collective bargaining agreement between City of Romulus and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Union (AFSCME) effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

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

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

- A.** For Introduction and First Reading - Zoning Ordinance Amendment to TA-2019-002; Section 7.05, Vining Road Subarea Overlay District.
Agenda amended to remove item from agenda
- B.** For Introduction and First Reading - Zoning Ordinance Amendment to TA-2020-001; Article 16, Condominiums.
Res. #20-241 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve For Introduction and First Reading - Zoning Ordinance Amendment to TA-2020-001; Article 16, Condominiums.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - Virginia Williams
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

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

A resident inquired about Legacy Park condominiums obtaining their own retention pond.
A resident commented on the Animal Shelter Owner Surrender Fee to be discussed under Unfinished Business of City Council Regular Meeting Agenda Item 9

9. Unfinished Business

- A.** Motion to take from the table - (9-8-2020) Agenda Item 6B - "Request to Add Animal Shelter Owner Surrender Fee to 20/21 Fee Schedule"
Res. # 20-242 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Motion to take from the table - (9-8-2020) Agenda Item 6B - "Request to Add Animal Shelter Owner Surrender Fee to 20/21 Fee Schedule"

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

- B.** Request approval to add "Animal Shelter Owner Surrender Fee" to the 20/2021 Fee Schedule.
Res. # 20-243 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Request approval to add "Animal Shelter Owner Surrender Fee" to the 20/2021 Fee Schedule.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

10. New Business

- Res. # 20-244** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve a resolution to cease construction on Wick Rd on Election Day, November 3, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Warrant

- A.** Approval of Warrant #: 20-17, Checks presented in the amount of \$ 1,532,833.38
Res. # 20-245 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Approval of Warrant #: 20-17, Checks presented in the amount of \$ 1,532,833.38

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Roscoe gave a reminder of the citywide garage sale for September 14 - September 26, 2020 and the drive-in movie event on September 25, 2020 at park behind seniors citizen center. Councilwoman Talley gave a reminder and update on the 2020 U.S. Census. Councilwoman Talley also announced that the Ministerial Alliance will have "Pop-up Prayer" on September 17, 2020 at 6:00pm at City Hall and acknowledged the responsiveness of the Mayor's team/administration. Councilwoman Williams gave a reminder that Forgotten Harvest will be at Romulus High School on September 15, 2020 at noon and free Covid testing scheduled for September 17, 2020 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Councilwoman Abdo inquired as to the timeframe when absentee ballots will be mailed out to residents. DPW Director Robert McCraight announced a cornhole tournament to benefit seniors located Blue Sky Restaurant on October 3, 2020 at noon.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m

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 14, 2020.



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