

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 28, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 1111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Councilman William Wadsworth.

Roll Call

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

Williams

Absent / Excused: Eva Webb

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

D’Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk

Stephen Dudek, Technology Services

1. Agenda

A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo for approval of the Agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes

A. Res. No. 20-345 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on December 14, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
Abstain - Celeste Roscoe. **Motion Carried.**

B. Res. No. 20-346 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Study Session held on December 14, 2020, at 6:00 pm to discuss the Midyear Financial Presentation. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
Abstain - Celeste Roscoe. **Motion Carried.**

3. Petitioner - None

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

The Mayor Pro Tem wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Res. No. 20-347 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a Memorial Resolution in honor of Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon. **Motion Carried Unanimously.** Under discussion, Councilpersons Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, and Williams all commented on their acquaintance with the late Wayne County Sheriff.

A. 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

The Mayor’s Report was presented by the Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko.

A. Res. No. 20-348 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve and concur with the administration and award RFP 19/20-04 to the lowest, most responsive bidder, CivicPlus, for the redesign and hosting of the City’s existing website and/or mobile application for 1 year in the amount of \$26,699.00 with a recurring annual Hosting and Security fee for as long as the website is operational and able to be budgeted for. Year 2 will be for \$5,926.00, and the agreement allows for a 5% annual increase beginning year 3.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. Res. No. 20-349 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve and concur with the administration to the Piggyback on MiDeal Contract #071B7700117 with Dominion Voting Systems Inc., for the purchase of one (1) ICC G2140 High-Speed Scanner and one (1) Adjudication System with Mobile License at a total cost of \$51,947.12. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6. Clerk’s Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

A. Res. No. 20-350 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption Amendment(s) to City Code of Ordinance, Chapter VIII; Section 8-20, Section 8-212, Section 8-230(a); Section 8-246. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. Res. No. 20-351 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Study Session Request from Mayor Burcroff for 01/04/2021 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Court’s Midyear Financial Presentation. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

C. Res. No. 20-352 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Study Session Request from Maria Farris, Director of Finance, for 01/11/2021 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Audit Presentation. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

D. Res. No. 20-353 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Study Session Request from Merrie Druyor, TIFA Director & Economic Development Coordinator for 1/25/2021 at 6:00 pm to discuss Economic Development Tools & Incentives.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

E. Res. No. 20-354 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request from Roberto Scappaticci, Director of DPW, for 2/1/2021 at 6:30 pm to discuss Truck Route Maps. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

F. Res. No. 20-355 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the adoption of the Remote Participation in Public Meetings Policy. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

7. Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

A resident commented and asked questions regarding a sign ordinance that addresses signs on city property and city right-of-ways. Gina Wilson Steward of Telegram Newspaper commented and asked questions concerning the bidding process for official newspapers and wanted to know when she would receive a response to her questions raised at the 12/14/2020 council meeting.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

11. Warrant

A. Res. No. 20-356 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** for approval of Warrant #: 20-24 Checks presented in the amount of \$912,736.84. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. Communication

Councilwoman Talley commented on the following Acts of Kindness within the City of Romulus during the pandemic - Holiday Giveaway of free gas sponsored by 3 Romulus High School Alumni students; John Osborne of Osborne Concrete - donation to Romulus High School for Food Baskets; several local churches we also recipients of local food baskets; Romulus Fire Department - mask distribution to senior facilities and local churches for residents.; Virtual Learning Survey for families that may need assistance with student learning.; the Councilwoman also commented on the Financial Report presented by Finance Director Maria Farris.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 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 December 28, 2020.



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