

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 8, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. 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: None
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert A. McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #21-322** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. Petitioner - None

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

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

5. Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor

- A. **Res. #21-323** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a four (4) year retainer agreement with Stephen Hitchcock of the law firm of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton P.C. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- A. **Res. #21-324** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the parliamentary procedure for the City Council in accordance with Section 6.9 of the Romulus City Charter. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #21-325** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution setting forth the City Council's Regular Meetings for the first (1st), second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Mondays of each month in accordance with Section 6.4 of the Romulus City Charter. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. **Res. #21-326** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to elect Councilperson Virginia Williams as the Chairwoman Pro-Tem who shall preside over the meetings of the Council in the absence of the Chairman of the Council in accordance with Section 6.3(c) of the Romulus City Charter. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Nays - Abdo, Talley **Motion Carried**
- D. **Res. #21-327** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to appoint Councilpersons John Barden, Eva Webb, and William Wadsworth to the Executive Advisory (Appointment) Committee who shall review new appointment recommendations to various committees and commissions. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- E. **Res. #21-328** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to appoint Councilperson Celeste Roscoe to the Planning Commission pursuant to Chapter 42, Article II, Section 42-20(b) of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinance with a term that is concurrent with the City Council term. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- F. **Res. #21-329** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to appoint Councilperson Kathy Abdo to the City of Romulus Employee Pension Committee pursuant to Appendix B, Article VI, Section 38.6.3(b) of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
- G. **Res. #21-330** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to appoint Councilperson Kathy Abdo to the Cemetery Board of Trustees pursuant to Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 2-409(1) of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinance with a term that is concurrent with the City Council term. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
- H. **Res. #21-331** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to appoint Councilperson Kathy Abdo to the Municipal Library Board with a term that is concurrent with their elected term of office. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth Nays - Roscoe, Webb, Williams **Motion Carried**
- I. **Res. #21-332** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to appoint Councilperson William Wadsworth to the City of Romulus Retiree's Healthcare Trust Administration Board of Trustees for a two-year term pursuant to Appendix D, Article IX, Section 9.1(b) and Section 9.4(b) of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams Abstained - Wadsworth **Motion Carried**
- J. **Res. #21-333** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the recommendation of Clerk Bragg and appoint D'Sjonaun Hockenhull as the Deputy City Clerk, who shall possess all the powers and authority of the City Clerk and exercise all duties subject to the control of the Clerk in accordance with Section 5.5 of the Romulus City Charter. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

- A. **Res. #21-334** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with Treasurer Paige and acknowledge the appointment of Tracy Leininger as Deputy City Treasurer, who shall possess all powers and authority of the City Treasurer and exercise all duties subject to the control of the Treasurer. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #21-335** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a resolution selecting the depositories in which the funds of the City will be deposited in accordance with Section 6.14 of the Romulus City Charter and MCL 211.43B. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

8. Public Comment - Please see the Clerk's Office for the complete copy of the minutes

9. Unfinished Business - Please see the Clerk's Office for the complete copy of the minutes

10. New Business - Please see the Clerk's Office for the complete copy of the minutes

11. Warrant

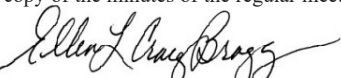
- A. **Res. #21-336** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve warrant #: 21-21 for checks presented in the amount of \$857,709.61. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #21-337** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve warrant #: 21-21E for checks presented in the amount of \$17,545.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

12. Communication - Please see the Clerk's Office for the complete copy of the minutes

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 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 November 8, 2021.



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