

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 25, 2022

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

Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director; Collen Dumas - Recreation Director; Derran Shelby - Deputy Police Chief; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Roger Kadau - Co-Director of Cable

1. Agenda

A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Eva Webb to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Res. #22-094 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously
B. Res. #22-095 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for the City of Romulus 2022/23 FY Preliminary Budget presentation. Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner - NONE

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

By the consent of Chairman Barden, Jan Lemmons addressed the residents regarding enforcement of the Cemetery Rules & Regulations and removal of prohibited items in the Romulus Cemetery. Chairman Barden announced upcoming City events.

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. #22-096 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the Administration and adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the 2021 Justice Assistant Grant funding program award to the City of Romulus and accept monies from Wayne in the amount of \$14,494.32. Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #22-097 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for James Young, resident little league coach, to use the St. John's Baseball/Softball Fields on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through June 13, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Res. #22-098 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all Pumpkin Festival and Parade of Lights activities during the Pumpkin Festival weekend of September 16-September 18, 2022.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #22-099 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road beginning at Grover Street, ending at 5 Points beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, re-opening at 10:00 p.m. Friday, September 16, 2022, for the Rotary Parade of Lights. Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #22-100 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road beginning at Moore Street ending at the railroad tracks beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2022, re-opening at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 17, 2022, for the Pumpkin Festival Car Show. Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #22-101 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, and ending on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. This closure will be for the food vendors and the Unity Celebration. Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #22-102 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road between Shook and Romaine Streets beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2022 and ending at 6:00 p.m. This closure will be for the Vendor Show and the Family Fun Zone. Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Res. #22-103 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the Administration and authorize no-fee permits for use of the Historical Park and pavilion along with the closure of Hunt Street Between Goddard and Bibbins Street beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2022, and ending at 11:00 p.m. that evening for the inaugural Rumble in Romulus in Romulus "Bike Night" event. Motion Carried Unanimously

E. Res. #22-104 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Suzy Francoeur to the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Board with terms to expire on November 30, 2023. Motion Carried Unanimously

F. Res. #22-105 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and authorize the DPW to dispose of the listed vehicles through Martin Towing, with a disposal fee of \$50.00 per vehicle with all other proceeds deposited into the appropriate City fund.

Motion Carried Unanimously

G. Res. #22-106 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the construction inspection MDOT tri-party agreement with ROWE Engineering for Beverly Road Phase III (Merriman Road East 1500 Feet) project. The agreement proposal outlines a construction service plan with a cost of \$198,001.03 with 80% of the cost to be paid by the State of Michigan. Motion Carried Unanimously

H. Res. #22-107 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a professional engineering services agreement with OHM to conduct construction services related to the Homefield Water Main Project in the amount of \$55,500.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

I. Res. #22-108 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Eva Webb to concur with the Administration and award ITB 21/22-15 to the lowest, most responsive, responsible bidder, Bidigare Contractors, Inc. for the replacement of the existing water main on Homefield Street for the City of Romulus, Department of Public Works in the amount of \$386,027.00 with a 10% contingency, in the amount of \$38,602.70 to cover the costs of any unforeseen construction-related charges. Motion Carried Unanimously

J. Res. #22-109 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 21/22-12 to fund unforeseen expenditures in fuel and repair accounts.

Table with 5 columns: FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO., ACCOUNT NAME, CURRENT FUND, AMENDMENT BUDGET, AMENDED BALANCE. Rows include 661 Motor Vehicle Fund Balance, 661-000-395.000 Retained Earnings, Expenses, 661-258-870.000 Gas & Oil, 661-258-933.100 Equip. Maint. and Outsource.

Motion Carried Unanimously

K. Res. #22-110 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Lease Agreement with Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency, for the lease of 10,000 sq. ft. of space located at 11131 S. Wayne Road, on the western portion of the former 34th District Court building from May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams

Motion Carried

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

A. Res. #22-111 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 21/22-11 in the amount of \$219,035.00 to close out Beverly Road Special Assessment District fund debts. Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
A member of the public addressed City Council and the Administration.

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

10. New Business

11. Warrant

A. Res. #22-112 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Approval of Warrant #:22-8 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,442,943.34. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

13. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 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 April 25, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan