

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2020

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:

Leroy Burcroff, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

Robin R. Underwood, Deputy Clerk

1. Agenda

Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Res. #20-240 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2020.

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

Nays - None.

Abstain - William Wadsworth

Motion Carried

B. There were no special meetings held on January 27, 2020.

3. Petitioner - None.

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

Res. #20-041 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve a Memorial Resolution for Donna J. Plank. Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #20-042 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve a No Fee Permit for Garage Sale Week, May 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2020. Rain dates: June 4-7, 2020. Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A short community events video was presented.

A. Res. #20-043 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached grant agreement between the State of Michigan - Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and the City of Romulus from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 with a local share of \$55,315.75.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #20-044 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached Contracts for Services of Independent Contractor with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) hourly attorneys. Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Res #20-045 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 19/20-16 to recognize anticipated revenues to be received from Michigan Indigent Defense Compliance Plan Grant Funding and set up the anticipated line item budget for additional operational expenses for FY2019/20. Any revenues in excess of expenditures will roll over into fund balance and will be utilized for the FY2020/21 Budget according to the State of Michigan's grant period. Motion Carried Unanimously
Mayor Burcroff invited Julie Albert, Director of Assessing and Financial Services, to address the Honorable Body as a follow-up to discussions regarding the Romulus Civic League's Tax Exempt Status. Director Albert presented a Memorandum with a written timeline of activities regarding - Romulus Civic League Property Tax status. As a result of the "Combination Application" requirements to combine vacant parcel on Grover (80077 24 0006 301) with parcel at 11495 Wahrman (80 077 25 0025 301), a mutually agreed upon date of completion and submission to the City of Romulus Department of Assessment, absolves the need to request a Special Meeting Study Session, under the Clerk's Report Agenda Item 6B.

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

A. Res. #20-046 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to approve the sale of parcel 80 048 99 0002 000 (aka 28585 Smith), vacant industrial land, located on Smith east of Middlebelt to Joseph Oram in the amount of \$36,101.99. A condition of the purchase is that the buyer has agreed to demolish the residence within 30 days of closing at buyer's expense. In September of 2018, City Council via Resolution #18-340 approved that this parcel be listed for sale with Metro Realty. Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Study Session Request from Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff to discuss Civic League Tax Exempt Status at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020. - No Action required.

C. Res. #20-047 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the request from Roberto J. Scappaticci, Director of Department of Public Works for the Traffic Control Order, "No Parking on both sides of Vining Road between Ecorse Road, South to Smith Road." Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

City Treasurer Paige announced, "Tax Day" is around the corner, and Winter Taxes are due, Friday, February 14th. Please contact the Treasurer's Office in the event an Invoice is needed.

8. Public Comment

Jan Lemmon, Chair of the Cemetery Board, announced that the past holiday activities were very successful, i.e., "Wreaths Across America and Veteran's Day," and encouraged families to remove the grave blankets by March 1st, weather permitting, per the *Romulus Memorial Cemetery Rules and Regulations*, p.1.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business

Res. #20-048 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Virginia Williams to approve a Memorial Resolution for Tommy LaPorte. Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #20-049 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve a Memorial Resolution for Mark Craig. Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Communication

- Councilwoman Abdo announced, "Kids Night Out" at the RAC, Friday, February 7th, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; also an invitation to all to participate in the Drug Task Force Bowling Fundraiser at Romulus Lanes, Wednesday, February 29th; a \$20.00 donation/proceeds for scholarships for H.S. students.
- Councilwoman Talley announced a, "call for donations," for the Culinary Team cooking the annual "Romulus Come-Unity" soul food dinner, February 26 at the Romulus High School cafeteria at 5:00 p.m., as well as "all hands on deck" encouraging elected officials to come out and serve the community. Perishable items are also requested. Pentecostal Baptist Church's Marriage Ministry program is encouraging participants to register for the Marriage & Couples conference to be held February 14-15, 2020. Contact Rev. Willis.

12. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to adjourn the Meeting at 7:57 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 February 3, 2020.



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