

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY – VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilman William Wadsworth

The council meeting was held in accordance to Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-48, (1) (a), that a meeting of a public body may be held electronically, by telephone or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.

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
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda

A. Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of the Agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Res. # 20-119 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 4, 2020.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #20-120 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of the Minutes from the Public Hearing held on May 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the FY 2020/21 Preliminary Budget.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
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.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor’s Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Mayor Burcroff acknowledged and thanked Abbie Akins, the Financial and Administrative Teams, and the City Council for working collaboratively on the FY 2020/21 Budget.

A. Res. # 20-121 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy Authorization for the City of Romulus and the 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as submitted by Mayor Burcroff.

**CITY OF ROMULUS
GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 and millage rates to support this budget.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COUNCIL	\$	99,770
MAYOR		754,610
CLERK		689,550
FINANCIAL SERVICES		11,567,320
TREASURER		451,460
PUBLIC SAFETY		1,440,850
PUBLIC SERVICES		3,757,490
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		314,220
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL		<u>669,600</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>19,744,870</u>

REVENUES

PROPERTY TAXES	\$	8,676,500
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		216,000
FEDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES		-
STATE GRANTS & REVENUES		4,181,040
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		814,770
FINES & FORFEITS		1,300,000
INTEREST & RENTS		620,880
OTHER REVENUES		1,793,260
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS		63,770
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		<u>1,274,200</u>
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>18,940,420</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		<u>804,450</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>19,744,870</u>

SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	\$	3,131,650
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS		-
TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND		<u>205,730</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES		<u>3,337,380</u>
REVENUES		<u>2,382,290</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		955,090
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>3,337,380</u>

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES	\$	<u>1,018,780</u>
REVENUES		<u>786,330</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		232,450
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>1,018,780</u>

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	\$	<u>14,029,510</u>
REVENUES		<u>14,029,510</u>

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER	\$	<u>2,661,757</u>
REVENUES		<u>2,662,648</u>

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CEMETERY FUND	\$	<u>8,000</u>
REVENUES		<u>80</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		7,920
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>8,000</u>

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION	\$	<u>371,600</u>
REVENUES		<u>373,330</u>

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	\$	<u>131,720</u>
REVENUES		<u>99,740</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		31,980
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>131,720</u>

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING	\$	<u>625,010</u>
REVENUES		<u>621,380</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		3,630
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>625,010</u>

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	\$	<u>8,500</u>
REVENUES		<u>20,910</u>

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND	\$	<u>2,300</u>
REVENUES		<u>3,700</u>

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION	\$	<u>1,304,930</u>
REVENUES		<u>1,352,580</u>

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS	\$	<u>39,560</u>
REVENUES		<u>39,560</u>

SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$	<u>514,370</u>
REVENUES		<u>561,990</u>

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

9 1 1 FUND	\$	<u>162,200</u>
REVENUES		<u>154,760</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		7,440
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>162,200</u>

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$	<u>57,160</u>
REVENUES		<u>1,800</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		55,360
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>57,160</u>

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	\$	<u>125,000</u>
REVENUES		<u>52,000</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		73,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>125,000</u>

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	\$	<u>986,040</u>
REVENUES		<u>870,340</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		115,700
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>986,040</u>

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Special Assessment - Beverly Road Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - BEVERLY ROAD	\$	<u>86,620</u>
REVENUES		<u>76,770</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		9,850
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>86,620</u>

SECTION 21 That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017B Court Building Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	\$	<u>1,041,980</u>
REVENUES		<u>1,053,980</u>

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017A Ecorse/Vining Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	\$	<u>1,282,880</u>
REVENUES		<u>1,283,380</u>

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	\$	<u>205,730</u>
REVENUES		<u>205,740</u>

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT SERVICE	\$	<u>320,000</u>
REVENUES		<u>90,000</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		230,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>320,000</u>

SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

WATER DEBT SERVICE	\$	<u>25,500</u>
REVENUES		

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Ecorse Construction & Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION	\$	<u>899,340</u>
REVENUES		<u>5,000</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		894,340
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>899,340</u>

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION	\$	<u>29,420</u>
REVENUES		<u>500</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		28,920
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>29,420</u>

SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	\$	<u>17,530,070</u>
REVENUES		<u>17,268,340</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		261,730
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>17,530,070</u>

SECTION 29 That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	\$	<u>2,912,970</u>
REVENUES		<u>1,130,150</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		1,782,820
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>2,912,970</u>

SECTION 30. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$	<u>803,010</u>
REVENUES		<u>714,490</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		88,520
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>803,010</u>

SECTION 31. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	\$	<u>612,600</u>
REVENUES		<u>619,720</u>

SECTION 32. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	\$	<u>2,868,160</u>
REVENUES		<u>2,980,680</u>

SECTION 33. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$	<u>3,590</u>
REVENUES		<u>9,760</u>

SECTION 34. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$	<u>630,250</u>
REVENUES		<u>500,160</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		130,090
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>630,250</u>

SECTION 35. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II	\$	<u>8,574,260</u>
REVENUES		<u>6,806,240</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		1,768,020
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		<u>8,574,260</u>

SECTION 36. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 34th District Court on an activity basis, the following:

34th DISTRICT COURT	\$	<u>4,902,300</u>
REVENUES		<u>4,902,300</u>

SECTION 37. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	\$	<u>11,475,620</u>
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SECTION 38. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 39. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063
P.A. 359 MILLAGE	0.0465
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500
EPA LEVY MILLAGE	0.0640

SECTION 40. Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

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

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

7. Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

The City Treasurer reported that tax and water payments made through May 8th have been processed and credited to accounts.

8. Public Comment - None

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business