

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 23, 2021

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Merrie Druyor - Director of DDA/TIFA; Carole Maisie - City Planner; Roger Cauda - Co-Director of Cable; Tanya Cofield - Recreation Coordinator

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #21-228** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. Petitioner

- A. **Res. #21-229** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the block party petition from David Dalton for September 5th and a road closure request for Sussex Drive at Surrey Drive and Canterbury Drive at Concord Drive. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. **Petitioner:** Lisa Denney; **Petition:** Stop sign at the corner of Joan & Central

Petitioner did not appear. Resolution may have been reached according to Mayor Burcroff. No action was taken by the Council.

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

Res. #21-230 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a 4-month moratorium on Park n Fly Licenses/Permits issued by the Clerk's Office. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- 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

- A. **Res. #21-231** Moved by **Eva Webb**, 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 17 - September 19, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #21-232 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** 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 17, 2021, and re-opening at 10:00 p.m. Friday, September 17, 2021, for the Rotary Parade of Lights. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #21-233 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Reading beginning at Moore Street ending at the railroad tracks beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021 re-opening at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 18, 2021, for the Pumpkin Festival Car Show. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #21-234 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bobbins Street beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2021, and ending on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. This closure will be for the food vendors and the Unity Celebration. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Res. #21-235 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road between Sterling and Romaine Streets beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021, and ending at 6:00 p.m. This closure will be for the Vendor Show and the Family Fun Zone. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #21-236 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road between Shook Road and Sterling Street beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021 and ending at 10:00 p.m. This closure will be for the Boards, Brushstrokes, and Beverages event. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. **Res. #21-237** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all Relay for Life activities, as well as the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and bobbins Street beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021, and ending at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 26, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- C. **Res. #21-238** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 21/22-6 to renew five mobile hotspots and purchase two more as approved by the Library Board, August 16, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- A. **Res. #21-239** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 21/22-4 in the amount of \$16,000.00 to purchase a security gate at the employee only lot for the new 34th District Court building. The gate must be electronic and accessible through a card reader. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. **Res. #21-240** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 21/22-5 in the amount of \$7,600.00 for supplies for the incoming council that was included in the footnote section of the budget, but not carried over to the actual line item as intended. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- C. **Res. #21-241** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt the resolution recognizing Romulus Goodfellows Incorporated as a nonprofit organization operating in the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes

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

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

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

11. Warrant

- A. **Res. #21-242** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-16 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,818,893.29. **Motion Carried Unanimously**


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

Res. #21-243 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the sister of Patty Stewart. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** 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 August 23, 2021.


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