

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 14, 2019**

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:** Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

- 1. Agenda** – Approval of Agenda.
- 2. Minutes**
  - A.** Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held January 7, 2019.
  - B.** Approval of the minutes from the special meeting held January 7, 2019:  
Open session, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grant.
- 3. Petitioner**
- 4. Chairperson’s Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
- 5. Mayor’s Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
  - A.** Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grant.
  - B.** Introduction of Budget Amendment 18/19-20, Michigan Indigent Defense Fund.
- 6A. Clerk’s Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
  - 1.** Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- 6B. Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
- 7. Public Comment** – Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.
- 8. Unfinished Business**
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Communication**
- 11. Adjournment**

- 1.** Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 19-010** **2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 7, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Abstain – Barden.

Motion Carried.

- 19-011** **2B.** Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 7, 2019 – Open Session, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grant.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Abstain – Barden.

Motion Carried.

**3. Petitioner**

#### **4. Chairperson's Report**

Mayor Pro Tem Barden thanked Chairwoman Pro Tem Tina Talley for filling in for him at the last Council meeting.

- 19-012** **4A.** Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of John Frank Losen, Sr.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 19-013** **4B.** Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ronald Collins.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 19-014** **4C.** Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Earl Cliff Beem.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 19-015** **4D.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Georgia Rose Hughes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 4.** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **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**

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

- 19-016** **5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a 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, 2018 to September 30, 2019 with a local share of \$54,215. Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked Police Captain Monte if the City will be responsible for any overages of funds and he replied yes; however, the Finance Dept. will monitor the transactions.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 19-017** **5B.** Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-20 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 FY 2018/19. Any revenues in excess of expenditures will roll over into fund balance and will be utilized for the FY 2019/20 budget according to the State of Michigan's grant period.

Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked Police Captain Monte if any officers will be taken off the street to comply with the Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis; and, Captain Monte replied no.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### **6A. Clerk's Report**

City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg announced the annual Martin Luther King Day Walk/Celebration that will be held on Monday, January 21, 2019 beginning at 7:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at the Middle School.

#### **19-018**

**6A1.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Talley** to reappoint Donald Morris and John Clark to the Board of Zoning Appeals:

Donald Morris, regular member – three-year term to commence July 1, 2018 and expire on June 30, 2021.

John Clark, alternate member – two-year term to commence July 1, 2018 and expire on June 30, 2020.

Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked why the reappointments are being requested so far after the expiration dates of their terms.

Councilwoman Webb said she will ask the Planning Director about the reappointments.

Councilwoman Abdo asked for a complete list of the Boards and Commissions.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### **6B. Treasurer's Report**

#### **7. Public Comment**

Oscar Arbleu, representative from Rashida Tlaib's office, spoke about satellite offices for Congresswoman Tlaib.

#### **8. Unfinished Business**

Councilman Wadsworth asked if residents will be notified before the Wick Road Project starts and Mayor Burcroff replied that yes they will be notified; and, notices will be posted on social media, etc.

#### **9. New Business**

Councilwoman Williams said she has received complaints about the wording of the introduction that is read before Number 7 on the agenda, Public Comment.

#### **10. Communication**

Councilwoman Talley thanked Councilwoman Williams for the delicious food she provided for the 13<sup>th</sup> District quarterly meeting.

Councilwoman Talley also gave a reminder that the annual Soul Food Dinner will be held on Feb. 7, 2019.

#### **19-019**

**10A.** Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Webb** to adopt a resolution to recognize City of Romulus resident, Sharon Walker, upon receiving an award from the 13th Congressional District Democratic

Party Organization.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**11.** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams.

Nays – None.

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 January 14, 2019.



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