



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 8, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilwoman Virginia Williams, Chair Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Absent / Excused: John Barden

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; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Development & Safety; Stephen Dudek - Technology Services Director; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-190** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-191** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss and review applications received for the 2024 Honorary Street Sign Dedication Program.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner - None

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

Res. #24-192 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jessie Marie Kinnard.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraith, Mayor

- A. **Res. #24-193** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the GSA contract GL-07F-173CA for the purchase of a new door security system for the city's early voting site compliance at 11131 Wayne Road (former 34th District Court building) from Actron Security Alarm Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$12,666.14.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-194** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and approve the sub-recipient agreement with Wayne County, for HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the FYs 2023 to 2025 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #24-195** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 01-152 for the purchase of eight (8) Cisco Meraki Network Switches and fifteen (15) Wireless Access Points from Zones, LLC., at a total cost of \$35,335.00 for the City's network, including all computers, telephones, security cameras, wireless access points, printers, and other critical components.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #24-196** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Romulus Community Schools for the use of Romulus School Buildings for the purpose of City recreation programming at a cost of \$1.00 per year, per building through December 31, 2034.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. **Res. #24-197** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-20 in the amount of \$6,000.00 to amend the FY24 Budget to account for cellular/mobile services related to Digital Ally overages.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #24-198** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-21 in the amount of \$540,639.00 to record additional projected revenues and expenses for the Romulus Athletic Center as of May 31, 2024, for the 23/24 FY budget.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #24-199** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a resolution determining the need for improvement of Brandt St. and Cypress St. between Ecorse Rd. and Beverly Rd. and further direct the city engineers to prepare a report ascertaining the quantities of materials necessary for the completion of such improvement and prepare a detailed estimate of all the expenses incidental to the improvement.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-200 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to schedule a Special Meeting - Public Hearing for Monday, August 26, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss and hear any objections to the proposed improvements.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

- A. Res. #24-201** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt the Updated Depository Resolution per Section 6.14 of the Romulus City Charter as requested by Treasurer Stacy Paige.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council regarding checks issued in the warrant report.

A resident addressed the City Council regarding commercial parking on her street.

Moved by **Allen Wilson**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to have Traffic Control Signs of No Parking on Dexter St.

Motion was withdrawn by Councilman Wilson

Res. #24-202 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to install temporary no parking signs on the East side of Dexter for the maximum allowable time without a traffic control order study.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

A resident addressed the City Council regarding a parking ticket she received.

A resident addressed the City Council regarding the city's parking ordinance.

A resident addressed the City Council to request a memorial resolution for a former reporter of the Romulus Roman.

Res. #24-203 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Tom Mooradian

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth requested an update on the repair of railroad tracks throughout the City.

Councilman Wilson requested an update on the status of roads within the Gateway Subdivision.

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

- A. **Res. # 24-204** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of Warrant #: 24-13 for checks presented in the amended amount of \$2,058,502.09. (Minus check #85580 in the amount of \$550 and check #85581 in the amount of \$10,000.00)

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Talley commented on upcoming events.

Councilwoman Williams reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest Program.

Councilman Wilson requested the salaries of the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and all department heads.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

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 July 8, 2024



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