



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 3, 2024

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

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

**Mayor Pro Tem John Barden called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson**

**Absent / Excused: William Wadsworth**

#### **Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

#### **Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney;

Maria Farris - Finance Director; Ken Chapman - Deputy Fire Chief

### 1. Agenda

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

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### 2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-149** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. **Res. #24-150** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss union matters and the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to hear public input for the proposed special assessment district for Merriman, Wickham, Wick, Vining, and Smith roads.

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

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, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**5. Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**

- A. Res. #24-151** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and award bid ITB 23/24-12 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, Nye Uniform Co., for a three-year pricing contract for Firefighter Duty and Class A Uniforms.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- A. Res. #24-152** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the 2nd Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-18 in the amount of \$2,00.00 to recognize donations and corresponding expenses for the Juneteenth Celebration.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. Res. #24-153** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the 2nd Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-19 in the amount of \$115,000.00 to amend FY24 Budget to account for depreciation and additional IT expenses.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- C. Res. #24-154** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the recommendation of the Retiree Health Care Plan and Trust Board and approve the First Reading & Introduction to amendments to Appendix D - Public Employee Health Care Fund, Article IX - Trust Administration Board of Trustees, Section 9.1(a) - Board of Trustees, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- D.** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to table the First Reading & Introduction to amendments to Ch. 62, Article IV, Sec. 62-357 through Sec. 62-369 of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances.

Deputy Clerk Hockenhull requested that Councilwoman Williams use the term “postpone” as it achieves the same goal without the need of removing items from the table before taking action or discussing them.

**Res. #24-155** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to amend initial motion and postpone the First Reading & Introduction to amendments to Ch. 62, Article IV, Sec. 62-357 through Sec. 62-369 of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances until the amendments are reviewed at a study session.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**

**8. Public Comment**

A resident addressed the City Council regarding the political signs and the City's sign ordinance.  
A resident addressed the City Council regarding commercial vehicle parking on Dexter Street.

**9. Unfinished Business**

The city attorney responded to the public comment regarding political signs.

**10. New Business**

**Res. #24-156** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to schedule a Special Meeting - Study Session for Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss amendments to the Water & Sewer Ordinance and to reschedule the Special Meeting - Study Session to review the applications from the 2024 Honorary Street Sign Dedication Program from Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams, Wilson  
Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**11. Communication**

Councilperson Talley commented on past events and commended this year's graduates from Romulus High School. She also commented on an upcoming community event.

Councilperson Wilson inquired about the use of public funds on private property, specifically, retention ponds inside subdivisions.

Councilperson Williams inquired about the retiree's health care and the need to schedule a meeting with the pre-65 retirees regarding their monthly premiums. She reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest program and encouraged voters to do their due diligence regarding candidates on the ballot for the upcoming election.

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, 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 June 3, 2024.



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