



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 13, 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, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

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

Maria Farris - Finance Director; Julie Albert - Director of Assessing & Financial Services; Maria Lambert -

Director of Resident Services; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Jessica Katers

- OHM; Michael Laskaska - Director of Communication & Community Service

1. Agenda

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-127** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. **Res. #24-128** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the City of Romulus 2024/25 FY Budget as outlined in Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner - None

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

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

- A. **Res. #24-129** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy authorization for the City of Romulus and 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as submitted by Mayor McCraight.

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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, 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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, 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	118,870
MAYOR	930,622
CLERK	1,007,634
FINANCIAL	
SERVICES	14,886,617
TREASURER	541,970
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,984,970
PUBLIC SERVICES	4,364,496
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	135,290
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL	936,948
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	24,907,417

REVENUES

PROPERTY TAXES	10,026,940
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	158,000
FEDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES	-
STATE GRANTS & REVENUES	4,940,690
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	684,710
FINES & FORFEITS	100,000
INTEREST & RENTS	596,570

OTHER REVENUES	1,976,460
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS	66,500
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,518,500
TOTAL REVENUES	20,068,370
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	4,839,047
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	24,907,417

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	2,735,095
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	2,100,000
TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND	210,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	5,045,095
REVENUES	3,048,190
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	1,996,905
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	5,045,095

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	3,357,335
REVENUES	3,092,930
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	264,405
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	3,357,335

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	17,431,108
REVENUES	17,259,500

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>2,811,100</u>
REVENUES	<u>2,811,100</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>-</u>
REVENUES	<u>100</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>100</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>225,300</u>
REVENUES	<u>307,600</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>104,380</u>
REVENUES	<u>99,040</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>5,340</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>104,380</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>871,780</u>
REVENUES	<u>912,560</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>912,560</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>10,600</u>
REVENUES	<u>21,610</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>5,000</u>
REVENUES	<u>11,020</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>1,793,964</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,612,620</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>181,344</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>1,793,964</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>40,435</u>
REVENUES	<u>37,435</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>40,435</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>278,990</u>
REVENUES	<u>279,590</u>

SECTION 16.

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SECTION 17.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

SECTION 18.

STATE FORFEITURE

SECTION 19.

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

REVENUES

APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE**TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND
BALANCE**

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Opioid Settlement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

Opioid Settlement Fund	40,000
REVENUES	8,710
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	31,290
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	40,000

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	1,044,720
REVENUES	1,000,500
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	44,220
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,044,720

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	1,048,100
REVENUES	1,058,100

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	110,000
REVENUES	110,000

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	200,000
REVENUES	95,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	105,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	200,000

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	60,000
REVENUES	35,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	25,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	60,000

SECTION 26. *That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Court Building Construction on an activity basis, the following:*

Court Building Construction	258,000
REVENUES	5,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	253,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	258,000

SECTION 27. *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	100,000
REVENUES	30,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	70,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	100,000

SECTION 28. *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	49,610
REVENUES	400
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	49,210
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	49,610

SECTION 29. *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	23,027,468
REVENUES	16,146,920
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	6,880,548
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	23,027,468

SECTION 30. *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	2,843,295
REVENUES	2,617,210
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	226,085
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,843,295

SECTION 31. *That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:*

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	987,690
REVENUES	997,680

SECTION 32. *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	657,850
REVENUES	684,730

SECTION 33. *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	2,115,254
REVENUES	2,358,250

SECTION 34. *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>3,890</u>
REVENUES	<u>5,300</u>

SECTION 35. *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>1,047,990</u>
REVENUES	<u>576,280</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>471,710</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>1,047,990</u>

SECTION 36. *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>4,528,280</u>
REVENUES	<u>9,942,050</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>4,528,280</u>

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

CAPITAL BUDGET	<u>8,782,376</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	0.03597
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500

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.*

**CITY OF ROMULUS
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

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

That for the expenditures of the 34th District Court and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amount is hereby appropriated.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES **\$3,888,210**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Wilson

Nays - Williams

Motion Carried.

- B. Res. #24-130** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no fee permit for the use of the Elmer Johnson's Park pavilion on August 17, 2024 for First Baptist Church annual picnic.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- C.** Resolution to Request Changes to the House Bill 5534
No Action Taken

- D. Res. #24-131** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 23/24-10 for renovations to Mary Ann Banks Park to the lowest, most responsible and responsive bidder, Premier Group Associates LC, in the amount of \$283,095.89 plus a contingency of \$8,738.11.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- E. Res. #24-132** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #07B7700181 for the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford Transit HR T250 Van for the price of \$50,995.00 from Gorno Ford for the Romulus Senior Center.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- F. Res. #24-133** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-17 for the purchase of a Ford Transit HR T250 for the Senior Center.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

- A. Res. #24-134** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the 2024/2025 Proposed Municipal Fee Schedule for the City of Romulus to be effective July 1, 2024.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Res. #24-135** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution determining the need for the renewal and expansion of the Merriman, Smith, Wick, Wickham, and Vining Enhancement Project, in which, the improvements and annual maintenance will be specially assessed to the taxpayers in this district and schedule a fifteen (15) minute public hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and hear any objections to the proposed improvements.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- C. Res. #24-136** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Special Meeting - Study Session Request for Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to review and discuss the 11 applications submitted for the Honorary Street Sign Dedication Program

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment – None

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #24-137** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-09 for checks presented in the amount of \$2,228,827.80.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley commented on the Romulus Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year event and upcoming community events.

Councilperson Wadsworth inquired about the broadcast channel.

Councilperson Williams reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest Program.

- Res#24-138** Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by William Wadsworth to object to the proposed State Senate maps that divides the City representation in the Michigan State Senate.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, 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 May 13, 2024.



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