



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 6, 2024

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

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Pro Tem, Virginia Williams

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent/Excused: John Barden

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Jeff Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Carol Maise - City Planner; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Jerry Frayer - DDA Director

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. 24-110** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson.

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- B. **Res. 24-111** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Proposed 24/25 FY City Budgets.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson.

Nays - None

Motion Carried

3. Petitioner

- A. **Res. 24-112** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe** seconded by **Allen Wilson** for approval of Special Land Use: 2023-001, 2023-002, and 2023-003; Safeway Oil Service Center located at 9700 Middlebelt Road.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

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

Res. 24-113 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve a Memorial Resolution for Dan Bales.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, Second by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson,

Nays - None

Motion Carried

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

Mayor McCraight expressed his gratitude to the Goodfellows Team for their efforts in making the Cinco de Mayo fundraising event a success. The mayor also mentioned the 4th Annual 34th District Court Community Day event, which was well attended. The Mayor called upon Romulus Middle School Teacher (Mr. T) to present about the Romulus Space Flight Center and Space Challenge club, with student Isaiah Jamal also present.

- A. **Res. 24-114** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreements for the Community Credit Program and the Local Transit Program between SMART and the City of Romulus for the FY23/24 Municipal Credit and Community Credit SMART Contract

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- B. **Res. 24-115** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with administration and approve a No Fee Permit to Carrie Hurn (Wick Elementary) for the use of Elmer Johnson's Park pavilion on Thursday, June 6, 2024, for their end-of-the-year 3rd and 4th-grade picnic.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- C. **Res. 24-116** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Amended and Restated City of Romulus 457(b) Plan to provide employees the additional ability to voluntarily invest post-tax dollars to a Roth account using approved investment advisors. This modification does not result in any cost to the City.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- D. Res. 24-117** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with administration and approve the appointment of Carole Bales to the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Board to fill the current vacancy with a term to expire on November 30, 2028.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- E. Res. 24-118** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Summer Music programs and activities in the R-District along with the closure of Hunt Street from Bibbins to the Post Office entrance from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, on Friday, June 14th, July 12th and August 9th, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

Res. 24-119 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with administration and authorize the following road closures for the After Sounds in the R-District events on Friday, June 24th and Friday, August 9th, 2024 as follows: Hunt Street beginning at Bibbins Street and ending at the entrance of the Post Office from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and closure of Goddard Road and Sterling Street beginning at 9:00 pm and ending at 12:00 am, (June 15th and August 10th) to ensure the safety of all participants.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- F. Res. 24-120** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Water Service Agreement between the City of Romulus and Charter Township of Huron to provide water services to 29945 Pennsylvania Road, with acknowledgment from Huron Township that they will become our water services customer.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- G. Res. 24-121** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the Sole Source Purchase of four (4) Voter's Choice EZ Cart 4000 Security Carts from PrintElect for Clerk's Office/Elections in the amount of \$12,105.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- H. Res. 24-122** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve the 2024 Concrete Repair Project, Change Order #1, Bid Award ITB 23/24-07 for additional concrete work within the City of Romulus as outlined in the Change Order #1 for Division A – Huron Valley and Division B – Huron Hills/Niagara subdivisions in the amount of \$143,083.36 for a total revised contract amount of \$901,838.36.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- I. Res. 24-123** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with administration and award ITB 23/24-13 for the 2024 HMA Road Rehab road repairs and joint sealing project on Herman Street, Goddard Road & The Highland Estates Subdivision to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, Hutch Paving Inc., in the amount of \$213,145.00 with an additional 10% contingency (\$21,314.50) for a total of \$234,459.50.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

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

- A. Res. 24-124** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration for approval of the Second Reading and Final Adoption of RZ-2023-003; Sheetz II (8227 Middlebelt Road)

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Allen Wilson

Nays – Virginia Williams

Motion Carried

- B. Res. 24-125** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-15 to recognize revenue and corresponding expenditures in the amount of \$39,980.00 for sidewalks and pathways at Mary Ann Banks Park. The amendment was introduced at the April 22, 2024, Regular Council meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

- C. Res. 24-126** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-16 to recognize fund balance in the amount of \$60,000.00 for expenses related to renovations at Mary Ann Banks Park. The amendment was introduced at the April 22, 2024, Regular Council meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - None

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

11. Communication

- Councilwoman Talley spoke about the 1st Baptist Church Anniversary and National Day of Prayer events and announced the upcoming Relay for Life event.
- Councilman Wadsworth asked the mayor about the RR Track at Goddard Road.
- Councilwoman Virginia Williams reminded residents about Forgotten Harvest. She also announced the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration, which will be held on June 15th at the Coleman Center.

12. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried

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 6, 2024.



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