



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 22, 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, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Absent / Excused:

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; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Kenneth Chapman - Deputy Fire Chief; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Jeffrey Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Carol Maise - City Planner; Patricia Braden - Library Director; Jessica Katers - OHM

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, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-097** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-098** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 24/25 FY Budgets from the 34th District Court and Romulus Public Library.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

- A. Drew Miller from Skilken Gold presented a PowerPoint regarding the petitioner's request for special land use and to rezone the property located at 8227 Middlebelt Road.

Res. #24-099 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the first reading for RZ-2023-003; Sheetz II, a Zoning Map Amendment and associated Conditional Rezoning Agreement to conditionally rezone 0.811 acres of property from M-T, Industrial Transportation to C-3, Highway Service for the purpose of constructing a vehicle fueling station with a drive-through. The property includes portions of parcels #80-047-99-0006-702 and #80-047-99-0011-701.

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

Motion Carried

Res. #24-100 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve SLU-2023-010; Vehicle Fueling Station and SLU-2023-011; Drive-through Restaurant for Sheetz II, located at 8227 Middlebelt subject to the rezoning, conditional rezoning agreement and site plan.

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

Motion Carried

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

- A. Presentation: U.S. Small Business Administration - Disaster Loans
 Timothy Watson from the U.S. Small Business Administration presented information regarding the availability of disaster loans to individuals and businesses impacted by the August 2023 tornadoes and flooding in the region.
- B. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. **Res. #24-101** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Horseshoe Club to use the Elmer Johnson Horseshoe Pit on Wednesdays starting May 8, 2024, through September 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-102** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Candace Lewkowicz to the Romulus Municipal Library Board with a term to expire April 11, 2025.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #24-103** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and adopt the revised resolution to file a petition for the partial abandonment of the Texas Marsh Drain with the Wayne County Drain Commissioner on Airport property.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
 Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #24-104** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-15 to recognize revenue and corresponding expenditures in the amount of \$39,980.00 for the sidewalks and pathways at Mary Ann Banks Park.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
101 General Fund				
<u>Revenue</u> 101-444-674.000	Contributions from Developers	\$-	\$39,980.00	\$39,980.00
<u>Expense</u> 101-444-823.000	Sidewalk Engineering	\$-	\$39,980.00	\$39,980.00

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
 Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #24-105** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-16 to recognize fund balance in the amount of \$60,000.00 for expenses related to the renovations at Mary Ann Banks Park.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
101 General Fund				
<u>Revenue</u> 101-000-390.000 101-000-389.751	Fund Balance Fund Balance – Park Renovation Maint.	\$13,617,772.00 \$36,045.00	\$23,955.00 \$36,045.00	\$13,593,817.00 \$-
<u>Expense</u> 101-751-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$-	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
 Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. Res. #24-106** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-14 in the amount of 4,000.00 to recognize the 2024 Animal Welfare Grant revenue and expenditure

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #24-107** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Romulus Historical Park for activities during the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration to be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, as well as the closure of Hunt Street beginning at Bibbins Street and ending at the entrance to the Post Office on Hunt beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024 and re-opening at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 22, 2024, to accommodate the event activities.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #24-108** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to deem it advisable to consider the vacation of Harriet Avenue and Harrison Avenue with any associated alleys located north of Ecorse Rd in the Gordons Detroit Park Subdivision; and to schedule a public hearing on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. to hear public input on said vacations.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

A member of the public addressed the City Council regarding an early childhood event at the Senior Center.
A resident inquired about federal announcement on extending the deadline to file taxes in Wayne County.
A member of the public addressed the City Council to announce her candidacy for the 13th U.S. Congressional District.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilperson Wadsworth inquired about the funding secured in Detroit to remove trees.
Councilperson Talley gave an update regarding the senior service bus being out of commission.
Councilperson Wilson summarized an article regarding a federal lawsuit filed against Sheetz.

10. New Business – None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #24-109** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-08 for checks presented in the amount of \$736,285.22.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Wilson commented on a past city event.

Councilperson Talley commented on past and upcoming events and commended the Mayor on his State of the City address.

Councilperson Williams reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest Program.

Mayor McCraight commented on the 2024 Clean Sweep Event.

Treasurer Paige communicated that residents in Wayne County have until 6/17/24 to file their state and federal taxes.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, 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 April 22, 2024.



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