



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 25, 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; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director; Roger Salwa - Police Captain; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communication & Community Service; Patty Braden - Library Director

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. #24-072** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-073** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Sessions held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report and at 7:00 p.m. to discuss amendments to the Pension Ordinance.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

- A. **Petitioner:** Brandie Whalin **Petition:** Block Party & Street Closure Request

Res. #24-074 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve a Block Party Event for Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 10 a.m. to midnight and the closing of California Avenue at Oakbrook Street and Brandt Street with access granted for emergency vehicles for the stated event.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Res. #24-075 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution commending the promotion of Fred Hockett to Brigadier General.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-076 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a resolution recognizing David S. Jones as the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce' 37th Person of the Year.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Representatives from Just Air Co. shared information regarding its collaboration with Wayne County on installing air quality monitors throughout the county, with two (2) monitors being installed in the City.

A. 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. #24-077 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the DPW to dispose of the listed vehicles through Martin Towing, with a disposal fee of \$50.00 per vehicle with all other proceeds deposited into the appropriate City fund.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #24-078 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and approve the re-appointment of Jennifer Johnson to the Municipal Library Board, as the Huron Township Representative, with a term to expire on April 11, 2026.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Res. #24-079 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the spaying and neutering grant awarded to the Romulus Animal Shelter.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #24-080** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Elmer Johnson's Park pavilion on June 7, 2024 for their end of the year eighth grade picnic.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #24-081** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and legal counsel and adopt the amendments to the employee policy and procedure manual - policies #17 and #18.

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. #24-082** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-13 in the amount of \$7,500.00 to recognize Visit Detroit donation for the On the Clock Tour event on April 6, 2024 at the Romulus Athletic Center.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #24-083** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of legal counsel to the pension committee and approve the First Reading & Introduction to amendments to Appendix B, Chapter 38, Pension Plan, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

Gina Wilson-Steward, publisher of the Telegram Newspaper, addressed the City Council regarding the newspaper's 80th anniversary and encouraged listeners to continue to read and support their local newspaper. A resident addressed the City Council regarding the installation of air quality monitors in the City.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business

Councilperson Abdo commended Director Mike Laskaska and Director Colleen Dumas for their work in organizing this year's Easter Egg Hunt.

Res. #24-084 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution in recognition of the 80th Anniversary of the Telegram Newspaper.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Warrant

- A. **Res. #24-085** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-06 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,148,650.75.

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

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley commented on previous and upcoming events. She also commented on the groundbreaking for Sheetz.

Councilperson Williams reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest program. She also encouraged the Telegram Newspaper to submit their bid to be the city's newspaper when the time comes.

Mayor McCraight commented on the groundbreaking for Sheetz.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 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 March 25, 2024.



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