



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 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

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney

1. Agenda

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-062** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. There were no special meeting(s) held on Monday, March 4, 2024.

3. Petitioner

- A. SPR-2023-033; OPUS Condominium (33100 and 33200 Smith Road)

Mike Robinson from Opus Development Company made a presentation to the Council requesting approval of SPR-2023-033.

Res. #24-063 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Preliminary Condominium Plan for SPR-2023-033; Opus Group Condominium at 33100 and 33200 Smith Rd. subject to the comments in the OHM report dated December 5, 2023.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. SLU-2023-004; Romulus Distribution Center (36711 Ecorse Road)

Jeff Kemp, Director of Building & Planning, gave a brief overview and timeline of the property. Kyle Morton from Ashley Capital presented a PowerPoint and fielded questions from the Council.

Three (3) residents addressed the City Council in opposition to the special land use request and Ashley Capital project.

Chris Girdwood of Aerotropolis addressed the City Council in support of the special land use request and Ashley Capital project.

Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Land Use request for SLU-2023-009; Romulus Distribution Center at 36711 Ecorse Rd. to allow two industrial warehouse buildings larger than 80,000 sq. ft. based on the findings of fact noted in the minutes of the Planning Commission and associated consultant and staff reports and subject to the conditions of site plan approval.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - John Barden, Tina Talley, Allen Wilson
Nays - Kathy Abdo, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Motion Failed

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

Res. #24-064 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve a no-fee permit for the Good Friday Event and Procession on March 29, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** 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. #24-065** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-13 to recognize the Visit Detroit donation for the On the Clock Tour event on April 6, 2024 at the Romulus Athletic Center.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
101 General Fund				
<u>Fund Balance</u> 101728-675.007	Donations – B2B Event	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$22,500.00
<u>Expense</u> 101-728-880.000	Community Promotions	\$4,375.00	\$7,500.00	\$11,875.00

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. #24-066** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the 2024 Citywide Spring Yard Sale for Thursday, May 16th through Sunday, May 19th with rain dates of Thursday, May 23rd through Sunday, May 26th and approval of the 2024 Citywide Fall Yard Sale for Thursday, September 26th through Sunday, September 29th with rain dates of Thursday, October 3rd through Sunday, October 6th.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #24-067** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Special Meeting - Study Session Request for Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss information regarding the City's 2024 Infrastructure Update.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #24-068** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution to set the Regular Meetings of Council to the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Monday of each month and approve the meeting calendar, effective July 1, 2024, as set forth in Chapter 6, Section 6.4 of the Romulus City Charter as amended.

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

Nays - Williams

Motion Carried

- D. Res. #24-069** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem John Barden, and appoint Councilwoman Tina Talley to the Executive Advisory Committee, as established by Council resolution No. 97-556, to fill the vacancy that exists from the passing of the late Councilwoman Eva Webb.

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

Nays - Williams

Motion Carried

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council regarding the removal of grave blankets from graves at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

A resident addressed the City Council to get an update regarding her sump pump and recommendations from her contractor.

A resident addressed the City Council regarding the flooding on Ecorse Road.

9. Unfinished Business

Mayor McCraight responded to inquiries made under public comment.

10. New Business

Res. #24-070 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #24-071** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-05 for checks presented in the amount of \$2,634,241.32.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley commented on previous and upcoming events.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried

Councilperson Williams was not present during the roll call vote.

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 11, 2024.



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