



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 2, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Development & Safety; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Ken Chapman - Deputy Fire Chief

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the agenda as presented.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-001** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meetings held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried

- B. **Res. #24-002** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss union negotiations; and the Special Meeting - Public Hearing(s) held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss an alley vacation in the Detroit Industrial Center Subdivision and at 7:00 p.m. to discuss an alley vacation in the Osberg Airport Estates Subdivision.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried

- C. **Due to lack of quorum, there are no minutes for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.**

3. Petitioner – None

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

Res. #24-003 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Councilwoman Eva Webb.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A. Res. #24-004 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Conditional Rezoning Agreement Waiver of Condition between the City of Romulus and NP Lordstown 173, LLC.

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

Nays - Williams

Motion Carried

B. Res. #24-005 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and approve the re-appointments of Adewunmi Gbogboade, Edna Talon-Jemison, Mike Glotfelty, and Jerry Frederick to Planning Commission with terms to expire January 31, 2027.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Res. #24-006 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Matthew Raftary, Michael Hoffman, Emery Long, Don Morris, Dean Trudeau, Suzy Francoeur, and Randy Moffat, to the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Board with terms to expire on November 30, 2027.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-007 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Jonathan Yono to the TIFA Board to fill the current vacancy with a term to expire on November 30, 2027.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Res. #24-008 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700092 with Falcon Road Maintenance Equipment, LLC for the purchase of one(1) Asphalt Cold Patch Trailer in the amount of \$26,721.64.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #24-009** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-11 to purchase a Water & Sewer Dump Truck.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
661 Mot. Veh. Fund				
<u>Fund Balance</u> 661-000-395.000	Retained Earnings	\$962,687.00	\$74,257.00	\$888,430.00
<u>Expense</u> 661-258-970.138	Capital Outlay	\$95,000.00	\$74,257.00	\$169,257.00

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. **Res. #24-010** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and respectfully request City Council adopt the Resolution of Necessity to proceed with the condemnation process to obtain easements on private property along the west side of Wayne Road from Smith to Van Born to complete the Wayne Road Sidewalk project.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. **Res. #24-011** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the First Reading and Introduction to amendments to Chapter 22, Section 22-23 Reserved, Section 109.4 of the International Fire Code, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-012** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the First Reading and Introduction to amendments to Chapter 22, adding Article 10, Reporting, Section 22-262, to the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #24-013** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the procedure for filling a vacancy in City Council.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: 2024 Meeting Schedules

- Romulus City Council
- Romulus Board of Review
- Downtown Development Authority
- Tax Increment Finance Authority
- Romulus Library Board
- Romulus Recreation Commission

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

Two (2) residents addressed the City Council regarding the vacancy on the City Council.
A resident addressed the City Council to increase ease of use for the elderly to participate in the meetings.
A resident addressed the City Council to get clarification on the study session set by the Council.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #24-014** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 23-24 for checks presented in the amount of \$758,327.80.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley commented on previous community events and spoke on the passing of Councilwoman Eva Webb.

Councilperson Williams commented on showing love and respect to each other and reminding residents of the Forgotten Harvest Program.

Councilperson Barden commented on his memories of Councilwoman Eva Webb.

For the record, Councilperson Williams left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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

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 certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 2, 2024.



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