MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 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
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; 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, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
   Nays - None
   Motion Carried Unanimously

2. **Minutes**

   A. **Res. #24-015** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

   B. **There were no special meeting(s) held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.**

3. **Petitioner -** None

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

   Res. #24-016 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jacky Street.

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

   Res. #24-017 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to fill the vacancy of the City Council with the next candidate in line from the 2021 City Election, Allen R. Wilson.

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

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. #24-018** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-12 to recognize expenses for the Mary Ann Banks DNR Grant Project.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
295 DDA Fund				
Fund Balance 295-000-390.000	Retained Earnings	$666,786.00	$200,000.00	$466,786.00
Expense 295-728-980.00	Project Costs	$-	$200,000.00	$200,000.00

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

B. **Res. #24-019** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700181 for the purchase of three (3) 2023 Ford Police Utility Interceptors, with options and a seven-year extended warranty for a total cost of $143,457.00.

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. #24-020** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-11 in the amount of $74,257.00 to purchase a Water & Sewer Dump Truck.

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

B. **Res. #24-021** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments to Chapter 22, Section 22-23 Reserved, amending Section 109.4 of the International Fire Code, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances

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

C. **Res. #24-022** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption to amend 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

D. **Res. #24-023** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve a one-hour and fifteen-minute study session for Monday, April 8, 2024, and Monday, April 22, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2024-25 City Budgets.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #24-024 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to schedule a public hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers for Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2024-25 City Budgets in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter.

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

E. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**: 2024 Meeting Schedules
Romulus Housing Commission
Police Fire and Safety Commission

7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**

Treasurer Paige reminded residents that winter taxes and any outstanding summer taxes are due by February 14th. State law require that unpaid taxes go to the county on March 1st.

8. **Public Comment**

A resident addressed the City Council regarding the back taxes of a local business.
Allen Wilson addressed the City Council in appreciation of his appointment to the City Council.
A resident addressed the City Council regarding proposed legislation that will promote transparency in decision-making.
A resident addressed the City Council regarding parking in the Preserves Subdivision.

9. **Unfinished Business -** None

10. **New Business**

11. **Warrant**

A. **Res. #24-025** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 23-25 for checks presented in the amount of $410,941.49.

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

12. **Communication**

Councilperson Talley commented on an upcoming basketball event for the Romulus Lady Eagles.
Councilperson Williams reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest Program and inquired about the Wayne-Ecorse construction project.
Councilperson Barden presented a resident's concern to the Mayor.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
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 January 8, 2024.

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