



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden, Council Chairman

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

Absent / Excused: Allen Wilson

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; Julie Albert - Director of Assessing & Financial Services; Jennifer Madison - Assistant Technology Services 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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. Res. #24-026** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #24-027** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss procedure for filling a vacancy on City Council.

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

Nays - Williams

Motion Carried

3. Petitioner - NONE

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

- 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

Mayor McCraight announced upcoming city events.

- A. **Res. #24-028** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and adopt the Resolution for the City of Romulus Poverty Exemption for 2024 to be used by the Board of Review to review or approve poverty exemptions.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-029** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the 2023 Justice Assistant Grant funding program award to the City of Romulus and accept monies from Wayne County in the amount of \$16,837.06.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #24-030** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Renaissance Zone Service Fees Agreement between Ford Motor Company and the City of Romulus.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #24-031** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback onto the Sourcewell Contract #120122-MBS for the upgrade of the existing city-wide Mitel phone system at the price of \$72,102.00

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. Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-12 in the amount of \$200,000.00 to recognize expenses for the Mary Ann Banks DNR Grant Project.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige reminded the residents that winter taxes are due by February 14th. All taxes must be paid by the end of February, as taxes are legally required to be sent to the county on March 1st.

8. Public Comment - NONE

9. Unfinished Business - NONE

10. New Business – NONE

11. Warrant

- A. **Res. #24-033** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-02 for checks presented in the amount of \$971,660.54.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley commended Recreation Director Colleen Dumas and commented on upcoming recreational events. She also acknowledged a local coffee shop.

Res. #24-034 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Minnie Lee Donalds.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Councilperson Barden expressed support for the Detroit Lions.

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 22, 2024.



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