



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 5, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem John Barden, Chairman, 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

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney;

Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service

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. #24-035** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #24-036** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the audit ending fiscal year June 30, 2023.

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

Nays - None

Abstained - Williams

Motion Carried

3. Petitioner - NONE

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

Res. #24-037 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the settlement of the Sidebottom matter as discussed in closed session.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

A presentation was given by S.O.A.R. explaining the harm reduction services it offers and a request to collaborate with the City and its police department.

- 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. Request for Resolution to Adopt Proclamation to Become Purple Heart City
- A. **Res. #24-038** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to adopt the Proclamation for the City of Romulus to become a Purple Heart City.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-039** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration to appoint Rita Hampton to the Cemetery Board of Trustees with a term to expire November 1, 2028.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #24-040** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company for an actuarial valuation to determine the City's Retiree Healthcare Plan.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #24-041** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Allen Wilson**, to concur with the Administration, and authorize the sole source purchase of one (1) Motorola ACE3600 RTU with accessories and one (1) new Pressure Transmitter to be installed at both Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 2 with training for City of Romulus staff for a total cost of \$24,675.00 from UIS SCADA.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #24-042** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and award BID ITB 23/24-03 demolition list 23-01 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, Vanassche Construction in the amount of \$60,325.00.

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**

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

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council to inquire about an update on the Veteran's Memorial Monument.
A resident addressed the City Council in appreciation of the City being named a Purple Heart City.
A resident addressed the City Council regarding the City's air quality.
A resident addressed the City Council regarding a bike trail on Middlebelt Road.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilperson Wadsworth informed the Mayor of the condition of Inkster Road between Wick Road and Ecorse Road.
Councilperson Williams brought resident complaints to the Mayor regarding the Wayne/Ecorse Road Construction Project.

10. New Business

Councilperson Wilson thanked the Council and residents for his appointment to fill the vacancy on the City Council.

11. Communication

Councilperson Talley commented on the meet and greet event at the Romulus Community Schools. She also announced upcoming events for the Recreation Department.
Councilperson Wadsworth inquired about the impact of the federal districting case in southeast Michigan.
Councilperson Williams reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest program and addressed an opinion letter published by a resident in the Belleville Independent.

12. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 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 February 5, 2024.



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