



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 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, 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; Ken Chapman - Deputy Fire Chief; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Donald Straub - Assistant DPW Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation 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, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-055** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. There were no special meetings held.

3. Petitioner - NONE

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

- A. 2022-2023 State of the Library

Patty Braden, Library Director, presented a PowerPoint on the State of the Library for the 2022/2023 fiscal year that reviewed the 100-year celebration, building improvements, service to the community, partnership with area schools, services collection enhancement, library usage statistics, current projects, and 2023-2024 goals.

- B. 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

Dr. Benjamin Edmondson, Superintendent of the Romulus Community School District, addressed the City Council to speak on past and upcoming collaborations with the City and a steering committee created to establish a multi-year strategic plan for the district.

- A. **Res. #24-056** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Cheyenne Hicks to the Recreation Commission with a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-057** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the NPPGov cooperative contract #PS20065 for the purchase of six (6) sets of PPE for the Romulus Fire Department for a total cost of \$23,184.00 (\$3,864.00 per set) from Phoenix Safety Outfitters.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #24-058** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the GSA Schedule #47QSWA18D for the purchase of eCIVIS Cloud Based Grant Management Solution & Annual Costs at a cost of \$23,775.00. Subsequent years recurring cost of \$20,000.00 will be approved and budgeted for by the TIFA board.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #24-059** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 23/24-6 to Cadillac Asphalt (Year one at \$135.00 per ton, Year two at \$140.00 per ton) and Ajax Paving (Year one at \$130.00 per ton, Year two at \$140.00 per ton) for two (2) year pricing for UPM – Cold Patch with a term to expire on February 28, 2026, and approve the additional request to extend the bid for not more than three additional one-year terms per the terms of the original bid and upon written mutual agreement.

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**

- A. **Res. #24-060** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report, ending 12/31/23.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-061 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Barbara Eliza Anderson.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council requesting a reprieve in costs associated with excessive water running on her property from surrounding properties.

9. Unfinished Business

Mayor McCraight responded to the resident's inquiry under public comment.

10. New Business - NONE

11. Communication

Councilperson Talley commended Director Dumas for the work she does in the Recreation Department and announced upcoming community events.

Councilperson Williams inquired about reimbursement of grave blankets damaged or destroyed by actions of members of the Cemetery Board. She also reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest program.

12. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 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 March 4, 2024.



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