



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson
Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff, Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney, Jerry Frayer, DDA Director, Roberto Scappaticci, DPS Director, Ken Chapman, Fire Chief, Gary Harris, Assistant Financial Director

1. Agenda

- A.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Agenda.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
Nays - None
Abstain - Barden
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. Res. # 24-228** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
Nays - None
Abstain - Barden
Motion Carried Unanimously
- B. Res. # 24-229** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive/Closed Session held on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss attorney-client privileged communications, and the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to hear objections and comments to the proposed special assessment roll for the Merriman, Wickham, Wick, Smith, & Vining Roads Enhancement District.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
Nays - None
Abstain - Barden
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner - None

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

Res. # 24-230 Moved by Williams, seconded by Wilson to schedule a Study Session to discuss the Honorary Street Sign Dedication program.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- The Mayor's Report was presented by the Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko.
- Video from Vanessa Toliver on updates from the Mayor's Office on upcoming community events.
- Jerry Frayer, DDA Director thanked everyone for their support on the 2024 Sounds of Downtown.
- The Chief of Staff announced that Sheetz will have its grand opening on August 27th. The formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at a later date. The Chief of Staff also addressed the updates that were requested by the Council and talked about the latest edition of the city's newsletter. Additionally, she acknowledged the Mayor and expressed gratitude for everyone's well wishes.

- A. **Res. # 24-231** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve and concur with the administration, and authorize the purchase of Stryker's Load System and Equipment for the Romulus Fire Department at the total cost of \$108,953.59 under the terms of Sole Source Purchases Exception in Section 39-11(d)(1)c.1 of the Romulus Purchasing Ordinance.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. # 24-232** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration, and consent to piggyback on the NPPGov cooperative contract #PS20065 for purchasing twenty-seven (27) sets of PPE for the Romulus Fire Department for a total cost of \$94,500.00 from Phoenix Safety Outfitters.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #24-233** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #07B7700179 for the purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford Bronco Sports in the amount of 61,730.00 with Bob Maxey Ford to replace two (2) 2014 Ford Escapes currently being used by the Building Department.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #24-234** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the Rochester Hills cooperative contract RFP-RH-20-023 for the purchase of one (1) 2026 108SD Plus Freight liner Chassis with extended warranty for a total cost of \$108,589.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-235 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on MiDeal Contract #200000000034 for the purchase of the Monroe 10' Dump Body with Plow and Salt Spreader attachments for the 108SD Plus Chassis from Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. for a total cost of \$138,246.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #24-236** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700178 to purchase one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD 4x4 dump truck with plow for the price of \$82,595.00 from Todd Wenzel Chevrolet for the Department of Public Works.

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

- F. Res. #24-237** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve and concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached grant contract between the State of Michigan MDOT and the City of Romulus for the reconstruction of Grant Road from CSX Railroad to Wayne Road with the awarded federal funding in the amount of \$499,915.00 with the City’s local match of \$173,135.00.

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

- G. Res. #24-238** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve and concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-1 to recognize FY 23/24 donation revenue and use fund balance approved by the Library Board on July 15, 2024.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
271 Library				
<u>Fund Balance</u> 271-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$743,524.00	\$(12,100.00)	\$731,424.00
<u>Expense</u> 271-790-955.006	Donations	\$5,000.00	\$12,100.00	\$17,100.00

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

- H. Res. #24-239** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-3 for sidewalk renovations for the downtown Pocket Park.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
General Fund				
<u>Revenue</u> 101-444-674.000	Contributions from Developers	\$-	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00
<u>Expense</u> 101-444-980.00	Project Cost	\$-	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00

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

- I. Res. #24-240** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve and concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-5 to recognize additional donations for the Pumpkin Festival Event and corresponding additional expenditures.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
248-728 DDA				
<u>Revenue</u> 248-728-607.006	Pumpkin Festival Donations	\$20,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$33,000.00
<u>Expense</u> 248-728-886.000	Pumpkin Festival	\$20,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$33,000.00

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- J. Res. #24-241** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve and concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-6 to allocate funds to purchase copiers for various City Departments to prevent interest expense.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
101-000 General				
<u>Expense</u> 101-171-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$2,320.00	\$6,850.00	\$9,170.00
101-262-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$1,954.00	\$2,396.00	\$4,350.00
101-215-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$1,954.00	\$2,396.00	\$4,350.00
101-753-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$1,954.00	\$7,270.00	\$9,170.00
<u>Fund Balance</u> 101-000-390.000		\$11,856,887.00	\$19,382.00	\$11,837,505.00

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

- A. Res. #24-242** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-2 in the amount of \$517,184.72 to recognize FY 23/24 Federal SBA Earmark revenue/expenditures extension for the period through December 31, 2024.

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 Council regarding the deplorable conditions and unsightly state of their neighbor's yard, including the presence of odors, trash, inoperable vehicles, and rodents, and requested city assistance for cleanup and enforcement.

Another resident voiced worries to the Council regarding their neighbor's mental health, explaining how it has resulted in safety and disturbance issues for the surrounding residents and asked if there are any support or resources available for residents dealing with mental health challenges that might affect the safety of others and their neighbors.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

Councilman Wilson thanked everyone who supported him and his candidacy for Wayne County Commissioner during the August Primary Election.

Res. #24-243 Moved by **Allen Wilson**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a resolution to appoint the next person in line from the 2021 Local Election list of candidates, and appoint Harry Crout to fill the seat on the city council in the same manner that Councilman Wilson was appointed once it becomes vacant after he takes office to the Wayne County Commission board on January 2, 2024.

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

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #24-244** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of Warrant #: 24-15 for checks presented in the amount of \$2,337,033.15.

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

12. Communication

- Councilwoman Talley complimented the Clerk's office staff for their management of the Primary Election. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming Relay for Life and Annual Pumpkin Festival events.
- Councilwoman Williams reminded everyone about Forgotten Harvest.
- Councilman Barden congratulated Councilman Wilson on successfully being elected in the primary and also congratulated the Clerk's office staff on their work during the Primary Election.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:55 pm.

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, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 12, 2024.



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