



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy City Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Gary Harris - Asst. Finance Director; Patty Braden - Library Director

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to accept the Agenda as presented.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-245** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **No special meeting(s) was held on Monday, August 12, 2024.**

3. Petitioner

- A. **Petitioner:** Monica Edwards **Petition:** Block Party Approval & Road Closure Request for October 12, 2024.

Res. #24-246 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to approve the Block Party Petition for Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the closing of Greenview St. at Harriet St. and Harrison St. with a 10 ft. fire lane clearance granted for emergency vehicles for the entire length of the street closure for the stated event.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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 - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor’s Report – Robert A. McCraith, Mayor

Res. #24-247 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to adopt a resolution expressing concern regarding the radioactive waste scheduled for delivery to Van Buren Township, Michigan and requesting the federal government to seek alternative solutions to disposing of their radioactive and hazardous waste.

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

- A. Res. #24-248 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the Administration and authorize the fiscal year 2023/2024 encumbrances for capital outlay purchases and various City projects in the amount of \$11,336,806.49 to be rolled over into the FY 2024/2025 budget and paid accordingly.

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

- B. Res. #24-249 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-7 to cover unforeseen costs for employee dental insurance expenses.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
271 Library				
<u>Fund Balance</u> 271.000.390.000	Fund Balance	\$709,215.00	\$(4,000.00)	\$705,215.00
<u>Expense</u> 271.790.719.000	Dental Insurance	\$-	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

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

- C. **Res. #24-250** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-8 to allow the Romulus Animal Shelter to purchase a new washer and dryer using animal shelter donations.

<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> 101-430-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$-	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
<u>Revenue</u> 101-430.675.000	Animal Shelter Donations	\$5,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$18,000.00

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

6. **Clerk’s Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**

- A. **Res. #24-251** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-1 in the amount of \$12,100.00 to recognize FY 23/24 donation revenue and using fund balance approved by the Library Board on July 15, 2024.

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

- B. **Res. #24-252** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-3 in the amount of \$33,000.00 for sidewalk renovations for the downtown Pocket Park.

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

- C. **Res. #24-253** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-5 in the amount of \$13,000.00 to recognize additional donations for the Pumpkin Festival Event and corresponding additional expenditures.

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

- D. Res. #24-254** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-6 in the amount of \$19,382.00 to allocate funds to purchase copiers for various City Departments to prevent interest expense.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige reminded residents that property taxes are due September 30th and to contact the Treasurer's Office for any questions.

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council regarding the publishing of police runs in the community as was done in times past.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilperson Wadsworth reminded residents that schools will open next week and admonished residents to slow down near schools.

10. New Business

Councilperson Williams inquired about the City implementing a local city tax to generate revenue.

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #24-255** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-16 for checks presented in the amount of \$2,303,515.39.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley thanked residents for sending their condolences on the passing of her uncle.

Councilperson Roscoe commented on the grand opening of Sheetz.

Councilperson Williams reminded residents that there will not be a Forgotten Harvest distribution due to a school function, but it will resume the following week. She also announced upcoming community events.

Councilperson Wilson commented on a letter from U.S. Rep. Shri Thanedar regarding CSX Transportation.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - 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 August 26, 2024.



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