



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 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: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson
Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe

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;
Kevin Krause - Director of Community Development; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Jerry Frayer -
DDA Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Ken Chapman - Fire Chief; Jennifer Madison - Asst.
Technology Services Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director; Patricia Braden - Library Director

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-256** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-257** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the proposed special assessment district for the repaving of Brandt Rd. and Cypress Rd.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner – None

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

Res. #24-258 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Dorothy Jean-Miriam Long.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-259 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Melvin Johnny Davis.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. **Res. #24-260** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and appoint Emery Long to the Romulus Municipal Library Board with a term to expire on April 11, 2026.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-261 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a resolution in recognition of Jim Napiorowski for his years of service to the Romulus Library Board.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-262** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to concur with the Administration and award RFP 24/25-02 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, C&S Construction for improvements to Goddard Park Plaza site (located 36539 Goddard) at a total cost of \$158,700.00 with a 10% contingency (\$15,870.00)

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #24-263** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 23/24-14 to DU-ALL CLEANING INC., in the amount of \$48,664.56 for semi-annual janitorial services for the Old Court, City Hall, DPW, Police Department, Library, and Senior Center.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #24-264** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the City of Livonia RFB-04102024DPW and enter into a contract with SAK Construction LLC for sanitary sewer rehab for a period of three (3) years with an option to extend the agreement for an additional two (2) years.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #24-265** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the OMNIA Contract R191103 for the purchase of six (6) multi-function copiers from Toshiba America Business Solutions, which will include five-year support services and supplies for each device, at a total cost of \$55,000.00.

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

- F. **Res. #24-266** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all road closures as requested from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2024, for the 2024 Punkie's 5K Run/Walk/Ride.

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

- G. **Res. #24-267** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the grant agreement between the Institute for Responsive Government and the City of Romulus for the purpose of planning and operationalizing election administration for the upcoming November 5, 2024, Presidential Election in the amount of \$18,000.00 to be used to increase the salary pay for election workers and any additional election-related expenditures as needed until funds are exhausted.

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

- H. **Res. #24-268** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-9 to recognize funding from the Institute for Responsible Government and corresponding expenditures.

FUND/DEPT. <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
101-262 Elections General				
<u>Expense</u>				
101-262-703.000- IORG24	Part-time	\$-	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
101-262-729.000- IORG24	Election Supplies	\$-	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00
<u>Revenue</u>				
101-262-576.263- IORG24	Grant Revenue	\$-	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00

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

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

- A. Res. #24-269** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Allen Wilson** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-7 in the amount of \$4,000.00 to cover unforeseen costs for employee dental insurance expenses.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #24-270** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-8 in the amount of \$13,000.00 to allow the Romulus Animal Shelter to purchase a new washer and dryer using animal shelter donations.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #24-271** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a resolution determining the need for street lighting on Smith (Merriman to Vining), Wick (Wickham to Vining), and Vining (I-94 to Ecorse), and schedule a fifteen (15) minute public hearing on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and hear any objections to the proposed improvements.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #24-272** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to amend the 24/25 Municipal Fee Schedule for the Department of Public Works to increase the costs for the CO-62-361 Taps and Inspection fees according to the attached schedule.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Resolution** to establish a Special Assessment District - Brandt Rd. & Cypress Rd.

Res. #24-273 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to postpone adopting a resolution to establish a Special Assessment District to reconstruct Brandt Rd. and Cypress Rd.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, 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 her office for questions. She also reminded prospective home buyers to contact the Assessor's Office and the Treasurer's office to learn their property taxes so that they are not surprised when the taxes are uncapped after closing.

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council inquiring about overnight truck parking at Sheetz and an update on publishing police dispatch reports.

Candidate for Wayne County Probate Judge, Ron Haywood, introduced himself to the City Council.

A resident suggested that the police dispatch reports be posted on the city's website and inquired about the broadcasting of special meetings of Council.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #24-274** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-17 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,425,913.08.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilperson Talley commented on past and upcoming events.

Councilperson Wadsworth reminded the public of the 23rd anniversary of 9/11 and to not forget the lives lost on that day.

Councilperson Williams reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest Program and announced a trunk or treat event.

Councilperson Wilson addressed the Mayor and inquired about an update to a previous request.

Councilperson Barden thanked everyone for wishing him and his wife a happy anniversary.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, 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 September 9, 2024.



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