



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 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, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Absent / Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney;

Maria Lambert, Kevin Losen, Angela Bennett, Jerry Frayer, Chief Robert Pfannes

1. Agenda

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-316** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. No special meeting(s) was held on Monday, October 28, 2024.

3. Petitioner – None

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 - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - The Mayor's Report was presented by the Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko

A resident requested to speak on Agenda Item 5C.

- A. **Res. #24-317** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve and concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached agreements for the community credit program and the local transit program between SMART and the City of Romulus for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-318** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration and adopt the attached resolution for cost-sharing for non-Medicare eligible retiree healthcare benefits beginning January 1, 2025.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #24-319** 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 Memorandum of Understanding with the Wayne County Airport Authority which will empower them to conduct traffic enforcement under the MVC and UTC, as applicable, pursuant to the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances on roads in proximity to the airport and listed in the agreement.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #24-320** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration and approve Change Order #1 to RFP 24/25-02 for additional concrete work within the City of Romulus Goddard Park Plaza for improvements as outlined in Change Order #1 in the amount of \$77,825.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #24-321** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all 2024 Tree Lighting activities on November 29, 2024, as well as the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 3:00 p.m. and re-opening at 9:00 p.m.

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. #24-322** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Special Meeting - Public Hearing request for Monday, November 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-323** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve and concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and reappoint Debra Hoffman and Shirley Lamberson to the Romulus Board of Review with a term to commence on January 1, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2026, in accordance with MCL 211.28.

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 a proposed May school election by Romulus Schools.
- A resident inquired about the status of the Police Department posting blotter reports on the city website and asked a question about voided checks that were listed on the warrant.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #24-324** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-21 for checks presented in the amount of \$3,288,151.07.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

- Councilwoman Abdo announced the Rotary Club's "Coat for Kids" drive. She provided information about the drop-off locations: Romulus Athletic Center (RAC), Library, City Hall, Sheetz, Romulus House, and Public Service Credit Union.
- Councilman Wadsworth announced that Helping Hands is currently seeking turkey donations.
- Councilwoman Talley announced the Police Department's annual Thanksgiving can good food drive and drop box locations, and the annual "Shop with a Cop" event. She also shared details about the Annual Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service, on Wednesday, November 20th at 6 pm at the Resilient Nation Church.
- Councilwoman Williams announced the Forgotten Harvest date and time. The distribution of complete Christmas Dinners to Romulus residents only on December 17th.
- Councilman Barden congratulated the RHS Eagles and Romulus Flyers football teams. He also commented on the Detroit Lion's impressive number of wins.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the council meeting at 8:29 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 do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 12, 2024.



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