



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 9, 2024

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused: Allen Wilson

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Jerry Frayer - DDA Director;

Nicole Harris - Police Captain

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-333** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #24-334** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments and/or objections to the proposed special assessment roll for street lighting on Wick Rd. (Wickham to Vining), Vining Rd. (I-94 to Ecorse), and Smith Rd. (Vining to Merriman).

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

- A. Petitioner: Rev. Author Willis Petition: No-fee permit and road closure request for the 2025 MLK Day Community Walk

Res. #24-335 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve a special event no-fee permit for the 2025 MLK Day Community Walk, the closure of Wick Road from the Romulus Middle School eastbound to Wayne Road, and the partial closure of Wayne Road from Wick Road south to the Romulus High School.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Res. #24-336 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Marie Charles.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-337 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution recognizing Susan Evitts's years of service to the community.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- A. Approval of the Chairperson's Report
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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Res. #24-338 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a resolution supporting House Bill 5333 and House Bill 5923.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- A. **Res. #24-339** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and reappoint Councilman Wadsworth to the Employee Health Care Plan and Trust Committee for a one-year term that will expire on November 4, 2025.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried

- B. Res. #24-340** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and re-appoint Wanda Sanchez to the Officer Compensation Commission with a term to expire on June 24, 2031.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
 Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #24-341** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the sole source purchase for the painting of a mural located at 37135 Goddard Road at a cost of \$19,000.00 with a 10% contingency for a total cost of \$20,900.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
 Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #24-342** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 14-10 TCP, Schedule Anywhere Software for a three (3) year agreement with an annual cost of \$2,400.00, for a total cost of \$7,200.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
 Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #24-343** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-10 to recognize the MCOLES Continued Professional Education (CPE) funding and corresponding allowable expenses.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
205-301-PS Police				
<u>Expense</u> 205-301-957.003	MCOLES CPE Training	\$-	\$61,500.00	\$61,500.00
<u>Revenue</u> 205-301-539.003	MCOLES CPE State Funding	\$-	\$61,500.00	\$61,500.00

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
 Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. Res. #24-344** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution confirming and certifying the proposed special assessment roll for the ongoing energy and maintenance costs of street lighting on Wick (Wickham to Vining), Vining (I-94 to Ecorse), and Smith (Vining to Merriman) Roads.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
 Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. For Your Information:** Official Newspaper

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige reminded residents that tax bills have been mailed out and are due February 14, 2024. She announced the last Veterans Monument Committee meeting at the Romulus VFW on December 11th at 5:00 p.m. Lastly, she reminded residents who purchased a Veterans Monument brick to contact her office for its return.

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council regarding another resident's large dog and requested assistance in enforcing the leash law.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilwoman Williams inquired about an update regarding parking on Dexter St. Mayor McCraight replied that he would reach out to the Planning Commission to see the status of the recommended ordinance amendments and submit a report to the Council.

10. New Business

11. Warrant

- A. Approval of Warrant #: 24-23 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,298,620.54

Res. #24-345 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-23 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,298,620.54

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Talley commented on previous community events and commended Osborn Concrete for their donation to the Romulus Community Schools.

Councilwoman Williams announced a turkey dinner giveaway for Romulus residents at the Romulus High School.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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

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 December 9, 2024.



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