MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2025

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

Councilwoman Tina Talley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Absent / Excused: John Barden

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the agenda as presented.

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

2. Minutes

A. **Res. #25-001** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

B. **Res. #25-002** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. to hear comments or objections to establishing a commercial redevelopment district and the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the filling of a vacancy on City Council.

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

3. Petitioner – None

4. Chairperson's Report, Tina Talley, Councilwoman

Res. #25-003 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Richard Pastula.

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

Res. #25-004 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Dave Rakotz.

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

A. **Res. #25-005** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt the Resolution to establish procedure to fill current Council vacancy.

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

Res. #25-006 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adopt a resolution in recognition of Jesko Auto Repair's 55 years in business.

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

B. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

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

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

A. **Res. #25-007** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointments of Cathy Freitag and Emery Long to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms that will expire on January 31, 2028.

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

B. **Res. #25-008** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement (MABAS) which is a reciprocal agreement used for deploying mutual aid resources amongst communities.

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

Res. #25-009 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the City's Fire Chief as designated representative for the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) group.

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

C. **Res. #25-010** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 24/25-11 to recognize expenses for the installation of street lighting along Wick Road and Vining.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
247-728 TIFA				
Expense				
247-728-980.000	Project Costs	$-	$473,773.00	$473,773.00
Revenue				
247-728-390.000	Fund Balance	$-	$13,791,354.00	$13,317,580.00

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

D. **Res. #25-011** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 24/25-12 to cover costs associated with a cable studio camera package and an equipment maintenance contract for existing audio/visual equipment in the council chambers.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
211-000 Cable				
Expense				
211-000-930.000	Repair & Maintenance	$3,000.000	$5,500.00	$8,500.00
211-000-971.000	Capital Outlay	$8,759.00	$9,500.00	$18,259.00
Fund Balance				
211-000-376.000	Fund Balance/PEG Fees	$1,265,442.00	$15,000.00	$1,250,442.00

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

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

A. **Res. #25-012** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Public Hearing Request for Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments or objections to the vacation of the north-south alley between Farnum Ave. and Middlebelt Road

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

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council to comment on the council vacancy procedure.
A resident addressed the City Council to comment on the passing of Councilwoman Virginia Williams and encourage the community to get involved in government.
A representative from Commission Allen Wilson's office introduced himself to the Council.
A resident addressed the City Council to get an update on establishing a leash law for the City.

9. Unfinished Business

Mayor McCraight responded to public comment remarks.

10. New Business – None

11. Warrant

A. **Res. #25-013** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve Warrant #: 25-01 for checks presented in the amount of $2,055,969.82.

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

12. Communication

Councilwoman Abdo announced the cancellation of Forgotten Harvest due to the weather.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Crout, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
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 January 13, 2025.

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