



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2025

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, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Economic Development Director; Jeff Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Donald Straub - Assistant DPW Director; Julie Albert - Director of Assessing & Financial Services; Roger Salwa - Police Captain

1. Agenda

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #25-033** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #25-034** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to hear comments or objections to the proposed partial street vacation of Lorman Avenue between Hyde Park Ave. and Loraine Ave. and the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the audit presentation for FY ending June 30, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner - None

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

Res. #25-035 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Tammy Garrison.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #25-036 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mary Ann Ryznar.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #25-037 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adopt a resolution recognizing the years of service to Judge Tina Brooks Green.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko presented the Mayor's Report

- A. Res. #25-038** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreement for Software Services with Intech Software Solutions, Inc. for the data migration and licensing of Modus Elections Software at an initial cost of \$5,522.00 and annual licensing fee of \$4,044.00 for the purpose of assisting the Clerk's Office in appointing, training, and maintaining election inspectors for future elections.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #25-039** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 24/25-069 to Pavement Supply LLC, Osborne Concrete, and Messina Concrete at the prices submitted on the tabulation sheet for two-year fixed pricing for concrete for the City of Romulus Department of Public Works.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #25-040** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-14 to recognize additional revenues and expenditures related to reimbursable engineering fees.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
General				
<u>Revenue</u> 101-371-682.823	Reimburse – Engineer Fees	\$250,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$400,000.00
<u>Expense</u> 101-371-823.000	Engineering Fees - Reimbursable	\$250,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$400,000.00

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

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

- A. **Res. #25-041** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-13 in the amount of \$97,800.00 to fund the dispatcher overtime GL to cover costs from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

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

- B. **Res. #25-042** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption to Chapter 36, Article III, adding Section 36-35 - Detention for purpose of identification to the City of Romulus Code of Ordinance.

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

- C. **Res. #25-043** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of TA-2024-002; a proposed text amendment to Section 3.06, Parking and Storage of Recreation Vehicles, Commercial Vehicles, and Automobiles in Residential Districts, of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance.

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

- D. Res. #25-044** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the recommendation of Kevin Krause, Director of Community Safety and Development, and adopt a resolution establishing a commercial redevelopment district for a parcel of land (DP# 80 040 99 0003 008) described as:
PT OF SE 1/4 SEC 10 T3S R9E BEG S01DEG 29M 29S E 656.29FT FROM E 1/4 COR SEC 10 TH S01DEG 29M 29S E 315.0FT TH S89DEG 17M 41S W 300.0FT TH S01DEG 29M 29S E 23.23FT TH S89DEG 17M 27S W 316.00FT TH N01DEG 29M 29S W 275.0FT TH N89DEG 16M 27S E 316.0FT TH N01DEG 29M 29S W 63.23FT TH N89DEG 17M 41S E 300.0FT POB 4.16 AC

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - Abdo

Motion Carried

- E. Res. #25-045** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a resolution vacating the north-south alley in the Ecorse City Community Subdivision, east of Farnum Avenue, West of Middlebelt Road, and north of Charles Avenue to terminus, abutting Lots 1-8 inclusive, Lots 13-30 inclusive, Lots 31-34, Lots 35-38 Inclusive, Lots 39-43, Lots 44 & 45 combined, Lots 46-48, Lots 49-54 inclusive, and Lots 55-62 located in the N.E. ¼ Section 11 of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, retaining all utility easement of records and a 20-foot utility easement (10 feet on each side from the centerline of the alley).

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige reminded residents that taxes are due February 14th. Taxes can be paid to the City after the 14th, with additional charges, up to February 28th. She is required by statute to send unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer's office on March 1st. She finally reminded residents who are low income or seniors to contact the Senior Center regarding free income tax filing.

8. Public Comment

A representative from the Wayne Co. Sheriff's Office addressed the City Council to introduce herself and explain her role.

9. Unfinished Business – None

10. New Business – None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #25-046** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 25-3 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,844,616.40.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Talley commented on previous events and gave birthday wishes to Irene Courtney from First Baptist Church.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, 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 February 10, 2025.



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