



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 24, 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

Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney;

Ken Chapman - Fire Chief; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Steve Dudek - Technology Services Director;

Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Roger Kadau - Cable Director;

Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director

1. Agenda

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #25-047** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. **Res. #25-048** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss amendments to the Animal Ordinance, and the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments or objections to vacating an alley located North of Charles Avenue between Middlebelt Rd & Farnum Avenue.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner - None

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

State Representative Dylan Wegela gave a legislative update.

Ebony Daniels, Founder of Creative Minds Girls Mentoring based in Wick Elementary, presented Azariyah Redwine, Lexi Fennoy, Grynneley Brown, Brooklyn Nelson, and Skylin Bradley to give a reading of "Still I Rise" by Dr. Maya Angelou.

Res. #25-049 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a resolution in recognition of Dennis Davidson for being the Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 38th Person of the Year.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Michael Longenecker, Executive Director of Great Lakes Burn Camp, addressed the City Council to explain the purpose of the organization.

- A. **Res. #25-050** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Master Educational Affiliation Agreement between Romulus Fire Department and Schoolcraft Community College which will provide clinical training experience for Schoolcraft EMS students.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. **Res. #25-051** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the professional services agreements with ROWE Engineering for four (4) years as an alternate engineering firm on various projects throughout the year.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- C. **Res. #25-052** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 24/25-08 for the 2025 HMA Road Program Project to the lowest, most responsive & responsible bidder, Al's Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$1,230,334.50 with a 10% contingency in the amount of \$123,033.45 to cover any unforeseen issues that may arise in the field, bringing the total requested amount to \$1,353,367.95.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- D. **Res. #25-053** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 01-152 for the purchase of SQL Server Software and Licensing from Zones, LLC. for a total cost of \$37,783.35.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- E. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** Communication from Roberto Scappaticci - RE: GEM, Inc. Emergency Heat Exchanger Replacements at Police Department

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

- A. Res. #25-054** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-14 in the amount of \$150,000.00 to recognize additional revenues and expenditures related to reimbursable engineering fees.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Res. #25-055** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve a one-hour and fifteen-minute study session for Monday, April 14, 2025, and Monday, April 28, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2025-26 City Budgets.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Res. #25-056 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones** to schedule a public hearing on the proposed 2025-26 City budgets to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers for Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- C. Res. #25-057** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Public Hearing request for Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Demolition List 24-01.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige reminded the residents that February 28th is the last day to pay property taxes at City Hall. Residents will have to pay their taxes at the county treasurer's office beginning March 1st.

8. Public Comment

Renee Osaer, Director of Safety for Moon Start Express, addressed the City Council in support of a Pilot Truck Stop in Romulus.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business – None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #25-058** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 25-04 for checks presented in the amount of \$587,727.16.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Communication

Councilwoman Talley commented on previous and upcoming city events. She also congratulated the Finance Department on the budget preparation process.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

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 24, 2025.



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