



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 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
Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney;
Jennifer Madison - Asst. Technology Services Director; Roger Salwa - Police Captain

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Harry Crout to approve 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. #25-059 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 24, 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. There were no special meetings held on Monday, February 24, 2025.**

3. Petitioner - None

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

Res. #25-060 Moved by Harry Crout, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Charles Sharrow.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Res. #25-061 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Gerald Wendland.

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 **David Jones** 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**

- A. **Res. #25-062** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Issam Fakhoury to the TIFA Board to fill the current vacancy with a term expire on March 10, 2029.

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

Nays - Kathy Abdo

Motion Carried.

- B. **Res. #25-063** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #07B6600111 with Dell Marketing LP for the purchase of twenty-five (25) Dell computer workstations for a total cost of \$23,611.63.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- C. **Res. #25-064** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 24/25-14 for the trade-in of three (3) ICP tabulators for three (3) ICP2 Tabulators with a \$3,000.00 discount and grant reimbursement of \$12,000.00. Additionally, for the mailing out of ballots for the August Primary Election by the statutory deadline before the start of the new fiscal year.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
101-262 Elections				
<u>Expense</u>				
101-262-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$-	\$16,779.00	\$16,779.00
101-262-728.000	Postage	\$15,796.00	\$10,000.00	\$25,796.00
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
101-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$11,894,797.00	\$(26,779.00)	\$11,868,018.00

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- D. **Res. #25-065** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Romulus and Huron Township for animal control services through July 31, 2026.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

- A. Res. #25-066** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and appoint Daniel Gadbois to the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals, effective immediately, with a term to expire on June 30, 2028, in accordance with the Zoning Enabling Act 110 of 2006.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Res. #25-067** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Study Session Request from Treasurer Stacy Paige for Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.

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 thanked the Council for approving her study session request.

8. Public Comment

Clerk Bragg read a written/mailed public comment into the record.

Clerk Bragg also read a response from the City Attorney into the record.

A resident addressed the City Council regarding his disapproval of a Pilot Truck Stop and additional trucking in the City.

9. Unfinished Business

Mayor McCraight responded to statements made under public comment.

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #25-068** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 25-05 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,652,649.88.

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 a summer internship opportunity with Senator Camilleri for Romulus students. She also congratulated Reverend Arthur Willis on his pastoral anniversary. She further thanked the City Clerk and City Treasurer for all that they do for the City.

Councilwoman Abdo reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest Program and thanked anyone who donates to the Rotary Food Box.

Mayor McCraight thanked the Council for being a great partner in moving the City forward.

Clerk Bragg thanked Councilwoman Talley for taking time out to understand the budget process and her contributions to the City.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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 March 10, 2025.



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