



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 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, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley

Absent / Excused: William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Tracy Leininger - Deputy Treasurer; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - Chief of Staff; Donald Straub - Asst. DPW Director; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Robert Pfannes - Chief of Police; Roger Salwa - Police Captain; Steve Dudek - Technology Services Director; Maria Lambert - Director of Resident Services; Michael Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Roger Kadau - Cable Director

1. Agenda

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #25-069** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #25-070** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Demolition List 24-01; and, the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss an attorney opinion.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. **Petitioner**

- A. Petitioner: Constance Cox Petition: Special Event & Road Closure Request

Res. #25-071 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Special Event for Sunday, June 1, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the closure of Goddard Road from Sterling St. to Shook Rd. with a 12-foot lane clearance for emergency vehicles.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Res. #25-072 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a resolution in recognition of 44 years of service to the Romulus Community School District to Gayle Milspaugh.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #25-073 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a resolution in recognition of the 98th church anniversary of the First Baptist Church.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Res. #25-074 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Philip Czernik.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- A. **Res. #25-075** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Summer Music programs and activities in R-District along with the closure of Hunt Street from Bibbins to the Post Office entrance from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, on Friday, June 13th, July 11th, and August 8th, 2025.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #25-076 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the following road closures for the After Sounds in R-District events planned for Eagle Alley on Friday, June 13, 2025, Friday, July 11, 2025, and Friday, August 8, 2025, as follows: Goddard Road between Shook Road and Sterling Street beginning at 9:00 p.m. and ending at 12:00 a.m. (June 14th, July 12th, and August 9th) to ensure the safety of all participants.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #25-077** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and approve the amendment of Resolution 25-062 for the appointment of Issam Fakhoury to the TIFA Board with a term to expire on November 30, 2027.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #25-078** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and approve the Sub-Recipient Community Block Grant agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the City of Romulus for additional funds for the Brandt Road Project contingencies reimbursable to the City of Romulus in the amount of \$17,453.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #25-079** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and award RFP 24/25-07 for a two (2) year maintenance contract for landscaping & irrigation for the Merriman Road Special Assessment District (SAD) to the lowest most responsible bidder, CQC Landscaping for a total cost of \$37,920.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #25-080** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #190000001154 with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of one (1) Motorola/Avtec Dispatch Console in the total amount of \$41,737.25.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. Res. #25-081** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and modify the awarded Bid ITB 23/24-15 to all three qualified bidding companies, Williams Emergency Vehicles & Equipment, Arrowhead Upfitters, and ABS Storage for the upfitting of new 2024/2025 police vehicles. Awarding to all three companies will not cause any increase in the funds budgeted for the upfitting of the new police vehicles.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- G. Res. #25-082** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 01-152 for the purchase of fifty-three (53) Microsoft Office 2024 Licenses from Zones In. for emails, spreadsheets, documents, presentations, certain databases, and other applications, at a total cost of \$27,624.95.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #25-083 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to continue the annual purchase of licensing and maintenance for the life of the product or until it is no longer able to be budgeted for.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- H. Res. #25-084** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the four (4) year professional services agreement with Hennessey Engineers as an alternate engineering firm on various projects for the DPW throughout the year.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- I. Res. #25-085** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on MiDeal Contract #071B7700178 MiDeal Special #0073-4WDL with Todd Wenzel Chevrolet for the purchase of one (1) 2024 GMC Sierra 1500 Double Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck for a total cost of \$43,990.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- J. Res. #25-086** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and award Bid ITB 24/25-09 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, Pamar Enterprises, Inc., for the Inkster and Ecorse Water Main Project, in the amount of \$2,667,879.00 with a 10% contingency in the amount of \$266,787.90 to cover any unforeseen issues that may arise in the field, bringing the total requested amount to \$2,934,666.90.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- K. Res. #25-087** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B77001117 with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. for the purchase of three (3) ImageCast Precinct 2 Tabulators and Ballot Boxes in the amount of \$16,779.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- L. **Res. #25-088** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-15 to use the fund balance and corresponding expenses in Capital Outlay 101-751-971.000 in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the purchase of playground equipment at Mary Ann Banks Park.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
101-751 General Fund				
<u>Fund Balance</u> 101-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$11,868,018.00	\$60,000.00	\$11,808,018.00
<u>Expense</u> 101-751-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$-	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- M. FYI - Wayne County Response Regarding Creekside Lane Taper Requirements on Pennsylvania

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

- A. **Res. #25-089**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 \$26,779.00 for the trade-in of three (3) ICP1 Tabulators for three (3) ICP2 Tabulator 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.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #25-090** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Honorary Street Sign Dedication Policy.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. **Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**

8. **Public Comment**

Representatives from the Motown Sports Group addressed the City Council and thanked them for supporting their project.

9. **Unfinished Business - None**

10. **New Business - None**

11. **Warrant**

- A. **Res. #25-091** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve Warrant #: 25-06 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,271,143.94.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Talley announced the grand opening service of Rise Church and upcoming events for April. She further acknowledged the advanced certification received by Deputy Clerk Hockenhull from the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, 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 24, 2025.



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