



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 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, William Wadsworth

Absent / Excused:

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; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director; Jeff Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Patricia Braden - Library Director

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, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #25-092** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried

- B. **Res. #25-093** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried

3. Petitioner - None

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

Res. #25-094 Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Barbara Fowler.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #25-095 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve a no-fee permit for the Good Friday Walk/Procession and the closure of Goddard Road from the Post Office to Five Points.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

A. 2023/24 State of the Library Presentation

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A. Res. #25-096 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the DTE Acquisition Agreement for the conversion of 1,251 streetlights to LED throughout the City of Romulus.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #25-097 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Candace Lewkowicz to the Romulus Municipal Library Board with a term to expire April 11, 2026.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Res. #25-098 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Stanley Bragg to the Police, Fire & Safety Commission with a term to expire on February 22, 2028.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #25-099** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on Omnia Partners contract #2017001134 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment from GameTime for Mary Ann Banks Park at a total cost of \$59,584.60.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. Res. #25-100** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 24/25-11 to the lowest, most responsible bidder, Andorama, Inc., to purchase the Camera Recording Package for the Cable Studio in the amount of \$12,028.49.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. Res. #25-101** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and approve Change Order #2 to RFP 24/25-02 to extend additional concrete work within the Goddard Park Plaza (Eagle Alley) for a total amount of \$45,537.80.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. Res. #25-102** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of 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.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #25-103** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and approve the acquisition of parcel #80 006 99 0003 002 and parcel #80 006 99 0014 001.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. Res. #25-104** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to amend Resolution No. 25-089 changing the budget amendment number from 24/25-14 to 24/25-16 to correct the recently discovered duplication. The amount of the budget amendment and the GL numbers used will not be impacted and will stay the same as originally approved.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #25-105** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the recommendation of the Construction Board of Appeals and approve the demolition of structures and removal of debris located at 34139 Beverly Rd., 35930 Beverly Rd., 35875 Bibbins, 6965 Birchdale, 6355 Cordell, 35523 Goddard, 11201 Middlebelt Rd., 29805 Van Born, 29815 Van Born, 35854 Vinewood, 6577 Washington, and 11114 Whitehorn, and let bids for a demolition contractor.

The Building Department will continue to reach out to work with property owners of 35875 Bibbins, 11201 Middlebelt, 6577 Washington, and 11114 Whitehorn.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** 2024 Planning Commission Year End Report
F. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Seventh Day Adventist Church Door-to-Door Advocacy

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - None

9. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth inquired about down telephone poles on the corner of Whitehorn St.

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #25-106** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve Warrant #: 25-07 for checks presented in the amount of \$2,195,365.40.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Talley announced upcoming events and commented on Holy Week.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, 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 April 14, 2025.



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