MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 27, 2025

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
Councilwoman Tina Talley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, Harry Crout, David Jones, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Absent / Excused: John Barden

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Steve Dudek - Technology Services Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Jerry Frayer - DDA Director; Gary Harris - Asst. Finance Director; Maria Lambert - Director of Resident Services

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Harry Crout**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented.

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

2. Minutes

A. **Res. #25-147** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

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

B. **Res. #25-148** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive/Closed Session held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion and the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. for the proposed 2025/26 FY Budget for the City of Romulus pursuant to Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter.

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

3. Petitioner - None

4. Chairperson's Report, Tina Talley, Councilwoman

Res. #25-149 Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Charles Barker.

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

A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, 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 on behalf of Mayor McCraight.

A. **Res. #25-150** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and approve the sub-recipient agreement with Wayne County for HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for FYs 2024 to 2025 in the amount of $20,000.00.

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

B. **Res. #25-151** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Jay Kuderik to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire on August 26, 2027.

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

C. **Res. #25-152** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and approve Change Order #1 to Bid Award ITB 23/24-10 for additional work within the City of Romulus Mary Ann Banks Park to add Court Drainage & Concrete Work from Premier Group Associates with a cost not to exceed $10,000.00.

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

D. **Res. #25-153** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street beginning at Bibbins Street and ending at the entrance to the Post Office on Hunt Street from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, for the 3rd Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration.

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

E. **Res. #25-154** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy Authorization for the City of Romulus and 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as submitted by Mayor McCraight.

CITY OF ROMULUS

GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 and millage rates to support this budget.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

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COUNCIL	125,810
MAYOR	1,056,127
CLERK	1,025,034
FINANCIAL SERVICES	16,547,060
TREASURER	610,630
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,558,920
PUBLIC SERVICES	4,430,489
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	179,170
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL	1,264,509
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,797,749

REVENUES

PROPERTY TAXES	10,802,200
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	513,000
FEDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES	27,880
STATE GRANTS & REVENUES	5,000,550
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	530,770
FINES & FORFEITS	100,000
INTEREST & RENTS	1,000,000
OTHER REVENUES	1,854,780
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS	66,500
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,554,000
TOTAL REVENUES	21,449,680

	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	6,348,069
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	27,797,749

SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

202	**MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES**	1,653,440
	TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	1,100,000
	TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND	110,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	2,863,440
	REVENUES	3,302,800

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

203	**LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES**	6,794,870
	REVENUES	6,052,575
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	742,295
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	6,794,870

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

205	**PUBLIC SAFETY FUND EXPENDITURES**	18,693,093
	REVENUES	18,622,610

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

208	**ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER FUND EXPENDITURES**	3,973,940
	REVENUES	3,973,950

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

209	**CEMETERY FUND**	
	REVENUES	100
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	-

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

211	**CABLE TELEVISION**	289,850
	REVENUES	262,600
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	27,250
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	289,850

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

218	**MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**	188,070
	REVENUES	165,200
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	22,870
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	188,070

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

219	**STREET LIGHTING**	1,188,280
	REVENUES	1,091,360
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	96,920
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,188,280

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following:

225	**COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND**	5,000
	REVENUES	1,000
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	4,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	5,000

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

	SANITATION FUND	
226	**EXPENDITURES**	2,079,970
	REVENUES	1,736,340
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	343,630
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,079,970

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

	OAKWOOD SPECIAL	
245	**ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**	9,000
	REVENUES	4,260
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	4,740
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	9,000

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
252	**BLOCK GRANTS**	20,000
	REVENUES	20,000

SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund on an activity basis, the following:

	MICHIGAN INDIGENT	
260	**DEFENSE FUND**	225,000
	REVENUES	281,610

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

261	**9 1 1 FUND**	121,850
	REVENUES	145,840

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

265	**STATE FORFEITURE FUND**	16,000
	REVENUES	1,500
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	14,500
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	16,000

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

266	**FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND**	479,880
	REVENUES	25,000
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	454,880
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	479,880

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following:

271	**MUNICIPAL LIBRARY**	1,192,400
	REVENUES	915,910
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	276,490
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,192,400

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Opioid Settlement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

284	**OPIOID SETTLEMENT**	40,000
	REVENUES	12,710
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	27,290
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	40,000

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017B Court Building Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

305	**2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS**	1,043,390
	REVENUES	1,010,000
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	33,390
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,043,390

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017A Ecorse/Vining Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

306	**2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS**	1,018,300
	REVENUES	1,050,720

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

352	**2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS**	116,400
	REVENUES	116,400

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

389	**SEWER DEBT SERVICE**	200,000
	REVENUES	50,000
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	150,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	200,000

SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

396	**WATER DEBT SERVICE**	60,000
	REVENUES	30,000
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	30,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	60,000

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Court Building Construction on an activity basis, the following:

482	**COURT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**	200,000
	REVENUES	5,000
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	195,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	200,000

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Ecorse Construction & Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:

403	**ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION**	
	REVENUES	30,000

SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

495	**TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION**	45,000
	REVENUES	600
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	44,400
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	45,000

SECTION 29. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

592	**SEWER AND WATER**	19,873,989
	REVENUES	17,198,998
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	2,674,991
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	19,873,989

SECTION 30. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

661		
	MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPTMENT	3,342,571
	REVENUES	2,614,650
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	727,921
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	3,342,571

SECTION 31. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

664		
	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	1,220,390
	REVENUES	1,136,710
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	83,680
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,220,390

SECTION 32. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

677		
	PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	607,960
	REVENUES	661,600

SECTION 33. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

676	**RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS**	2,211,560
	REVENUES	3,422,150

SECTION 34. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

	BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT	
243	**AUTHORITY**	3,090
	REVENUES	77,310

SECTION 35. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

	DOWNTOWN	
248	**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**	858,410
	REVENUES	653,430
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	204,980
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	858,410

SECTION 36. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

247	**TIFA DISTRICT**	11,122,780
	REVENUES	11,713,900

SECTION 37. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

	CAPITAL BUDGET	16,768,340

SECTION 38. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 39. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063	
P.A. 359 MILLAGE		0.0340
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000	
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000	
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500	

SECTION 40. Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

CITY OF ROMULUS
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

That for the expenditures of the **34th District Court** and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount is hereby appropriated.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES $3,903,060

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

F. **Res. #25-155** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 01-152 for the purchase of six (6) Microsoft Office 2024 LTSC Professional Plus Licenses and forty-eight Microsoft Office 2024 LTSC Standard Licenses from zones, LLC for a total cost of $19,726.44.

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

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

A. **Res. #25-156** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the 2017 CIP Bond Refunding.

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

B. **Res. #25-157** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve the 2025/2026 City of Romulus Proposed Municipal Fee Schedule, as presented, to be effective July 1, 2025.

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

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - None

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

A. **Res. #25-158** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve Warrant #: 25-10 for checks presented in the amount of $651,197.29.

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

12. Communication - None

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, 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 May 27, 2025.

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