



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 2025

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.

Roll Call

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

Absent / Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

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

Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Roberto Scappaticci - Director of Public Services.

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the Agenda.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. 25-192** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. 25-193** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for a follow-up presentation from the Romulus Community Schools on their Building and Site Bond Proposal.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Wadsworth

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner – None

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

Res. 25-194 Moved by **Harry Crout**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to adopt a memorial resolution for John Clark.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. 25-195 Moved by **Harry Crout**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to adopt a memorial resolution for Chuck Lindenmuth.

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

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, Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Res. 25-196 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to adopt a memorial resolution for Luke Joyce.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- Vanessa Toliver announced upcoming community events through a video presentation.

- A.** **Res. 25-197** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve and concur with the administration to appoint Jeanine Barron to the Cemetery Board of Trustees with a term to expire November 1, 2026.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B.** **Res. 25-198** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve and to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached agreement between the City of Romulus and the State of Michigan for the resurfacing of Ozga Road between Huron River Drive and Wick Roads at a cost of \$222,819.00.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. 25-199** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the 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 with a spray on bedliner and rustproof undercoating at a total cost of \$44,539.00 for the Department of Public Works.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. 25-200** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration and adopt the attached Resolution to Oppose Renewal and Expansion of Wayne Disposal, Inc. License with Michigan Department of Environmental Great Lakes & Energy.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. 25-201** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve and concur with the administration and adopt the resolution in opposition to Senate Bill 319.

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. 25-202** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve the second reading and final adoption of budget amendment 24/25-19 in the amount of \$134,570.00 to recover health insurance rate increase, dental insurance, and staffing changes for FY 24/25. This amendment was introduced at the 6/23/25 Council Meeting.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. 25-203** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve a Special Meeting - 30-minute Study Session Request for Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and finalize a council vacancy procedure/policy.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. 25-204 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve and schedule a public hearing, in accordance with Chapter 14 - Section 14.2 of the Romulus City Charter, for Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. to hear comments or objections to the street vacation of Cypress Road located north of Ecorse Rd and west of Metroplex drive.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. 25-205** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve the Application for Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Detroit Airport Hotel Limited Partnership III (8500 Wickham Road).

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

Nays – Abdo, Crout

Motion Carried

Res. 25-206 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve an exemption, under Public Act 255 of 1978, of the Application for Commercial Facilities Certificate beginning January 1, 2026, for Detroit Airport Hotel Limited Partnership III (8500 Wickham Road) for **(7) seven years**.

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

Nays – Abdo, Crout

Motion Carried

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

8. **Public Comment**

- A resident commented on the study session scheduled to discuss procedures to fill the vacant council seats. The resident also commented on the Commercial Facilities Exemption approved for Detroit Airport Hotel Limited Partnership III, (8500 Wickham Road).
- A resident commented on the overgrown foliage and weeds on her property.

9. **Unfinished Business**

- Councilman Wadsworth asked for an update on the Veterans' Memorial Monument.

10. **New Business**

11. **Warrant**

- A. **Res. 25-207** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** for Approval of Warrant #25-13 for checks presented in the amount of \$3,171,748.80.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. **Communication**

Councilwoman Talley commented on past and upcoming community events.

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.

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 July 14, 2025.



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