



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 28, 2025

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Councilwoman Tina Talley

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Absent/Excused: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney; D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk; Steve Dudek, Director of Technology Services; Colleen Dumas, Director of Parks & Recreation; Jerry Frayer, DDA Director/ Economic Development Liaison; Don Straub, Deputy DPW Director; Mike Laskaska, Communication & Community Services Director.

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Harry Crout**, seconded by **David Jones**, for approval of the Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes

A. **Res. #25-208** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Res. #25-209 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones**, to amend the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. - to amend item 6B to reflect a 45-minute Study Session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Res. #25-210** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** for Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on July 14, 2025, at 6:45 pm to hear objections and/or comments to the Application for Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate filed by Detroit Airport Hotel Limited Partnership III (8500 Wickham Rd).

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. **Petitioner** - None

4. **Chairperson's Report**

Councilwoman Tina Talley chaired the regular meeting. She shared information about community events and activities she attended and participated in.

Res. #25-211 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to adopt a memorial resolution in honor of Clarence Mahon.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Res. #25-212 Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to adopt a memorial resolution in honor of Clara Williams.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- A.** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

- Vanessa Toliver shared upcoming community events via a video presentation.

- A. Res. #25-213** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to concur with the administration and authorize a no fee permit for all August 1, 2025, Sounds in R- District activities and authorization for the closure of Hunt Street beginning at Bibbins Street and ending at the entrance of the Post Office from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and a road closure of Goddard Road between Shook Road and Sterling Street beginning at 9:00 p.m. and ending at 12:00 a.m. August 2nd to ensure the safety of all participants for the after party event planned for Eagle Alley.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Res. #25-214** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson's Park pavilion on August 9, 2025, for First Baptist Church Annual Family and Fun Day.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- C. Res. #25-215** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Nesting Agreement with Romulus Community Schools to meet requirements of the State of Michigan MS4 permit regarding storm water standards.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- D. Res. #25-216** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones**, to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 01-152 to purchase a replacement Dell VxRail Server from Zones Inc. for a total cost of \$175,775.00, which will include three years of support for both hardware and software.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- E. Res. #25-217** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract #2017001134 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment from GameTime for Elmer Johnson Park, St. John's Lodge Park, and Oakbrook Park at a total cost of \$26,361.98. The funds used for this purchase are provided from a grant awarded September 25, 2023, from Wayne County.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- F. Res. #25-218** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones**, to concur with the administration and approve Change Order #1 Omnia Partners contract #2017001134, to GameTime for purchase and installation of additional safety playcurbs and wood fiber cushion surfacing at Mary Ann Banks Park in the amount of \$8,150.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- G. Res. #25-219** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-1 to cover costs associated with the purchase of a mobile LED screen trailer.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Fund/Dept. Account No.	Account Name	Current Balance	Amendment	Amended Budget
211-000 Cable				
<u>Expense</u>				
211-000-971.000	Capital Outlay		\$180,000	\$180,000
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
211-000-376.000	Fund Balance/ PEG Fees	\$1,265,442	\$180,000	\$1,085,442
To cover costs associated with the purchase of a cable mobile LED screen trailer				

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

- A. Res. #25-220** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones**, for Approval of the Honorary Street Sign Recipient.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Res. #25-221** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Request for Study Session for Quarterly Investment Report on August 11, 2025 @ 6:45 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - None

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

11. **Warrant**

- A. **Res. # 25-222** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve the Approval of Warrant # 25-14 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,427,638.72.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. **Communication**

- Councilwoman Talley thanked all city departments and offices for their work for the city.
- Mayor McCraight thanked the IT Department for their efforts in securing City Hall resources during the storm.

13. **Adjournment**

- A. Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones**, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:30 pm..

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley, William 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 28, 2025.



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