



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 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

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Jeff Kemp, Building & Planning Director; Roberto Scappaticci, DPW Director; Jerry Frayer, DDA Director and Economic Development Liaison; Mike Laskaska, Communication and Community Services

1. Agenda

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

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. **Res. #25-223** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones**, for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Abdo, Roscoe

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #25-224** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, for Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Abdo

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

- A. **Res. #25-225** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve and authorize a no-fee permit for the Mental Health Fun Day special event scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the Romulus Historical Park from Noon – 4:00 p.m. and approve the road closure of Hunt Street beginning at Bibbins Street and ending at the entrance to the Post Office on Hunt Street from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the stated event.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- 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

- Vanessa Toliver shared information about upcoming community events through a video presentation.

- A. **Res. #25-226** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve and concur with the administration and adopt the attached Resolution to Adopt and Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as part of the 2026 National Fitness Campaign.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #25-227** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve and authorize a no-fee permit for a road closure for the Romulus Community Baptist Church annual picnic on August 29, 2025. Subject streets include Boise Walkway and Colorado Street from Fourth Street to the church property line.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #25-228** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve and concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Mary Ann Banks Park on Saturday, September 27, 2025, for a Cemetery Committee yard sale.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #25-229** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve and concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson Park on Saturday, September 13, 2025, for a community-wide mental health fundraiser.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #25-230** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve and concur with the administration and adopt the Annual Community Resolution Accepting Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System in accordance with Wayne County Ordinance requirements from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
- F. **Res. #25-231** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve and concur with the administration and adopt the resolution to file a petition for the Abandonment of the Clark Drain with the Wayne County Drain Commissioner on Airport property. This portion of the drain only services the Airport and would not affect any drainage for our residents.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
- G. **Res. #25-232** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve and adopt the resolution to enter into a Water Main Easement Agreement with Romulus Community Schools, providing a water main easement at the property located at 36900 Wick Road, Parcel #80-031-99-0003-000.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
- H. **Res. #25-233** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve and concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the Sourcewell Contract, Ariens #112624-ACO, for the purchase of two (2) Gravely Pro-Turn Mowers from Wayne Lawn & Garden at a total cost of \$24,034.92.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
- I. **Res. #25-234** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve and concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the State of New Mexico Price Agreement #50-00000-24-000019 for the purchase of 150 Zenner water meters at a total cost of \$12,667.50.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
- J. **Res. #25-235** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve and concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the 10-year contract with Waste Management for automated curbside cart pick up of refuse, recyclables, yard waste, and other related disposal services.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
- K. **Res. #25-236** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve the Sole Source Purchase from Insane Impact, LLC for one (1) Battery Powered Max 1170 Mobile LED Trailer.
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

- L. **Res. #25-237** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve and concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #240000001207 for the purchase of three (3) 2025 Ford Bronco Sports for \$105,030.00 with Bob Maxey Ford.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- M. **Res. #25-238** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve the Notice of Termination of the 34th District Court Funding Unit Court Agreement.

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

- The city clerk recognized the hard work and dedication of everyone who played a role in the Special Election, expressing heartfelt gratitude for their contributions.

- A. **Res. #25-239** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the second reading and final adoption of RZ-2022- 001; Wayne Lux Estate to rezone 2.73 acres of property. Parcel DP#80-017-99-0025-000 from R-1B, Single Family Residential District to RM, Low-Rise Multiple-Family Residential District. 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. #25-240** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-1 in the amount of \$180,000.00 to cover costs associated with the purchase of a mobile LED screen trailer. This amendment was introduced at the 7/28/25 Council Meeting.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #25-241** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the first reading and introduction of TA-2025-001; a proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article 16, Condominiums, Section 16.02, Condominiums, Review Processing, and 16.03, Condominiums, Submittal Requirements of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. **Res. #25-242** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the first reading and introduction of TA-2025-001; a proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment Article 20, Section 20.08 Nonconforming Lots.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #25-243** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the Public Hearing Request for Monday, September 22, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Tax Increment Finance Authority Plan Amendment adoption completed by CIB Planning.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- The City Treasurer expressed her sincere appreciation for the support she has received during her recent health challenges. Additionally, she announced that the reconstruction of the Veterans Memorial Monument project is set to commence next week.

8. **Public Comment** - Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.

- A resident on disability and receiving SNAP, housing assistance, and Meals on Wheels, expressed concern about upcoming state and federal funding cuts to programs like SNAP, free school meals, food pantries, and rural healthcare. She noted that many residents lack awareness of available assistance and may be caught off guard when benefits are reduced, leading to loss of food access, healthcare, and jobs. She asked what plans the City of Romulus has to prepare and support residents in such situations.
- The Mayor acknowledged the concern and stated that while the city lacks funds to operate direct aid programs, it could coordinate a communication plan to inform residents about available resources. This would include compiling information on programs run by Wayne County, Wayne Metro, and other agencies, and making it accessible to the public.
- A resident thanked City Council and Public Works staff for clearing brush along the road near Ozga. He praised the grader operator's careful work, noting it preserved rocks he had placed to fill potholes, and described the job as "first class."

9. **Unfinished Business**

- Councilman Wadsworth commented on the condition of Smith Road and inquired as to who's responsible and whether there are any plans to work on the road. The Mayor responded that there are plans to work on the road.
- Mayor McCraight provided an update on radioactive waste following Judge Cox's ruling, which favored our position to prohibit the dumping of all radioactive materials from across the United States at the Van Born site.
- The City Clerk recognized the prompt and professional effort by DPW in removing large fallen tree branches caused by the storm in the Cemetery.

10. **New Business**

11. **Warrant**

- A. **Res. #25-244** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, for Approval of Warrant #: 25-15 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,532,250.85.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

- Councilwoman Talley provided an update on the Music in the Park events and announced that First Baptist Church will be hosting a Fashion Share and School Supply Giveaway on August 23, 2025, at 1:00 PM.
- Councilman Jones expressed his gratitude to the Romulus Police Department for their support during the funeral service procession for Ms. Clara Williams, who was 103 years old.
- Mayor McCraight addressed a line item from the warrant related to Crova Sales and Services.
- Councilman Barden thanked the Building and Department of Public Works Directors for the excellent work they are doing for the city.

13. Adjournment

- A. Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones**, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:47 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 August 11, 2025.



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