



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 25, 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:**

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

Maria Lambert - Director of Resident Services; Gary Harris - Deputy Finance Director; Don Straub - Deputy

DPW Director; Roger Salwa - Police Captain; Jessica Hobbs - Grants Coordinator

### 1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Harry Crout**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** 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. #25-245** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. **Res. #25-246** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Sessions held on August 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a council vacancy procedure/policy and at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### 3. Petitioner

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

**Res. #25-247** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of David Druyor.

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**

**A. Res. #25-248** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreements for the community credit program and the local transit program between SMART and the City of Romulus for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**B. Res. #25-249** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the grant between the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the City of Romulus for a grant in the amount of \$32,740.00 to evaluate and prioritize all crossings withing the Ecrose Creek watershed.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**C. Res. #25-250** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the opioid settlement documents with Purdue Pharma & Sackler Parties, Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sandoz, Sun, Zydus.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**D. Res. #25-251** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the fiscal year 2024/2025 encumbrances for capital outlay purchases and various City projects in the amount of \$13,563,410.87 to be rolled over into the FY 2025/2026 budget and paid accordingly.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- E. **Res. #25-252** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and award Bid ITB 25/26-01 for a two-year contractual services agreement for the repair of asphalt on an as-needed basis to Rey-Mart Asphalt, Inc., with a term to expire on July 31, 2027.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- F. **Res. #25-253** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #MA240000001193 to purchase two (2) 303+ Ford Utility Interceptors with a five-year extended warranty and one (1) Ford F150 4x4 Supercrew at a total cost of \$153,274.00 from Gorno Ford for the Romulus Police Department.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- G. **Res. #25-254** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and award Bid ITB 25/26-02 to the second-lowest bidder, Arrowhead Upfitters, for the new 2026 police vehicles.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- H. **Res. #25-255** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and authorize the sole source purchase of Encryption Software from Motorola Solutions at a total cost of \$157,369.50 for the Romulus Police Department.

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**

**Res. #25-256** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Fred Michales, Jr.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- A. **Res. #25-257** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the second reading and final adoption 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. This amendment was introduced at the 8/11/25 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. Res. #25-258** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the second reading and final adoption of TA-2025-004; a proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article 20, Nonconforming, Section 20.08, Nonconforming Lots of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance. This amendment was introduced at the 8/11/25 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- C. Res. #25-259** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution vacating the entire street of Cypress Road in the Metroplex Industrial Park Subdivision No1, north of Ecorse Rd., west of Metroplex Dr., to terminus abutting Lots 9 - 10 located in the S.E. 1/4 Section 2 of the City of Romulus, Count of Wayne, retaining all utility easements of record and a 12-foot utility easement within the vacated Cypress Road for the City of Romulus Department of Public Works to access any city-owned utilities that may be located within the street for repair and/or maintenance.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- D. Res. #25-260** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to schedule a public hearing, pursuant to Chapter 14, Section 14.2 of the Romulus City Charter, for Monday, September 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to hear comments or objections to the request to vacate an alley located North of Cincinnati Ave., South of Avalon St., East of Essex St., and West of Chamberlain St.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

## 8. Public Comment -

A resident addressed the City Council regarding cats on her property and inquired about the airport noise run-up.

## 9. Unfinished Business

## 10. New Business

## 11. Warrant

- A. Res. #25-261** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve Warrant #: 25-16 for checks presented in the amount of \$2,133,867.12.

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

Nays - None

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 12. Communication

Councilwoman Talley commented on past community events and announced Unity Day for the Annual Pumpkin Festival.

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 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 August 25, 2025.



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