



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 22, 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

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Roberto Scappatici - Director of Public Services & DPW; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director

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. #25-274** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. There were no special meeting(s) held on Monday, September 8, 2025.**

3. Petitioner

- A.** Justin Kuderik appeared before Council to petition his request for a special event and street closure approval. **Res. #25-275** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to authorize a no-fee permit for the Haunted Night Market special event scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2025, at Polka Dots Decor and More from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and approve the partial road closure of Ferndale Street beginning at Goddard Rd. and ending at the entrance of the north-south alley (behind Polka Dots) from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 10:00 p.m. with a 15 ft. clearance for emergency vehicles 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

Res. #25-276 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Al Wilkerson.

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. #25-277 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and reappoint Terrell Bird, Sheldon Chandler, William Crane, Mark Lewkowicz, Lucinda Rhoton, and Virgil Varner, to the Historical Commission with terms to expire on December 29, 2029.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #25-278 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and appoint Hanna Varner to the Historical Commission with a term to expire on December 29, 2029.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #25-279 Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreement with the Romulus Athletic Club to allow the use of the Elmer Johnson Park for the purpose of football practice, football games, and end of season clean-up from October 7, 2025, through November 8, 2025, Tuesdays - Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Res. #25-280 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 25/26-05 to the lowest and most responsive bidders, Ferguson Enterprise, LLC., and ETNA Supply for two-year contract pricing for large water parts (water hydrant valves and gate valves) for the Department of Public Works.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- D. Res. #25-281** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-5 to cover costs associated with the emergency repair of the east ramp at City Hall.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
101-265 General Fund				
<u>Expense</u> 101-265-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$-	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
<u>Fund Balance</u> 101-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$-	\$13,964,749.00	\$13,714,749.00

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E.** FYI — Communication from Department of Public Works - RE: Clarification Regarding Purchase of Mobile Column Lifts

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

- A. Res. #25-282** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adopt a resolution pursuant to MCL 168.720e(6) setting forth seven (7) days of early voting for the November 4, 2025, City General Election beginning Monday, October 27th and ending Sunday, November 2nd. at the early voting site located at 11131 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, for the following hours: Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B.** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to postpone action on Agenda item 6B until such a time that an investigative report is produced by the City's public service departments.

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 - None

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business – None

11. Warrant

- A. **Res. #25-283** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve Warrant #: 25-18 for checks presented in the amount of \$2,924,629.69.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Talley commented on the Pumpkin Fest weekend and previous community events.
Councilwoman Roscoe commented on an upcoming event at the Romulus Athletic Center.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 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 September 22, 2025.



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