



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 27, 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:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk

Julie Albert, City Assessor

Colleen Duman, Director of Recreation

Patty Braden, Librarian

Chief Ken Chapman, RFD

1. Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

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. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Res. #25-306 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, for the Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 13, 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, October 13, 2025.

3. Petitioner

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

A. Approval of the Chairperson's Report

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

Res. #25-307 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to adopt a resolution recognizing Pastor Mario Smith on his third church anniversary at the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

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

Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #25-308 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to adopt a resolution recognizing Pastor Jesse Charles on his 10-year pastoral anniversary and 75th birthday.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes — Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth,
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Res. #25-309 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to adopt a resolution congratulating Councilman John Barden on his retirement after 20 years of service on the Romulus City Council.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #25-310 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to adopt a memorial resolution for Gerry Frederick
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #25-311 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for Gordon Silvey
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. 2025 Tree Lighting

Res. #25-312 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve and concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all 2025 Tree Lighting activities on December 5, 2025, as well as the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 4:309 p.m. and re-opening at 8:00 p.m.

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

B. Introduction of Budget Amendment 25/26-8

Res. #25-313 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve and concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 25/26-8 to cover costs associated with the reimbursement of the Welch Packaging Brownfield Agreement (PAC Spec) per Council Resolution #15-349.

FUND/DEPT. <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u> 243 Brownfield-Pack Spec	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	CURRENT <u>BALANCE</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	AMENDED <u>BUDGET</u>
<u>Expense</u> 243-000-818.000	Contractual Services	500	211,419.31	211,419.31
Fund Balance 243-000-390.000	Fund Balance	245,400	(211,419)	33,981

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

C. Introduction of Budget Amendment 25/26-9

Res. #25-314 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve and concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-9 to cover the grant match of \$201,000 and additional allowable Capital Outlay expenses.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BALANCE</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<u>Expense</u> 284-000-971.000	Capital Outlay	201,000		201,000
<u>Fund Balance</u> 284-000-390.000	Fund Balance	201,000	(201,000)	

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

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

D. Introduction of Budget Amendment 25/26-10

Res. #25-315 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve and concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-10 to recognize revenue from Federal FEMA AFG Grant for Life Savings Equipment.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BALANCE</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
205-336	Public Safety Fire			
<u>Expense</u> 205-336-971.000	Capital Outlay		544,122	544,122
<u>Revenue</u> 205-336-501.336	Federal Grant FEMA AFG		544,122	544,122

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. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-2

Res. #25-316 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-2 for the amount of \$50,000 to cover costs associated with the repair of Ecorse Creek Drains and recognized State Grant Revenue.

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

B. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-3

Res. #25-317 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-3 in the amount of \$1,524,596.00 to cover costs associated with the annual DUWA bond payments and interest expense.

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

C. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-4

Res. #25-318 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-4 for \$20,000.00 to cover costs associated with the annual claims expense.

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

D. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-6

Res. #25-319 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-6 for \$291,000.00 to cover the increase in cost for the single hauler collection and disposal program.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-7

Res. #25-320 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-7 for 28,000.00 to cover CLEMIS maintenance and membership costs for computer-aided dispatching.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

F. Second Reading and Final Adoption to TA-2025-002 (Vehicle Uses)

Res. #25-321 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of TA-2025-002; a proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article 11, Use Standards, Section 11.07, Vehicle Uses of the Romulus Zoning Ordinance.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

G. Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments to Chapter 58, Article IV of the Romulus Code of Ordinance

Res. #25-322 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments to Chapter 58 - Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article IV - Secondhand Automobile Business, Sec. 58-288, Definition, and Sec. 58-289, Requirements for buildings and premises, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinance.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

H. Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments to TA-2025-003 (Site Plan Review)

Res. #25-323 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments of TA-2025-003; a proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article 17, Site Plan Review Requirements & Procedures, Section 17.03(e) Final Approval of Conditionally Approved Site Plan and (j) expiration of Approved Site Plan of the Romulus Zoning Ordinance.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

I. Appointment to the Romulus Board of Review

Res. #25-324 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve and concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and appoint Reverend John Cole to the Romulus Board of Review with a term to begin on January 1, 2026, and expire on December 31, 2027, pursuant to MCL 211.28.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

J. Buckingham Manor Subdivision alley vacation report and request for a Study Session.

Res. #25-325 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the scheduling of a Special Meeting – Study Session for Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to further discuss the necessary steps based on the report received from the Department of Public Works.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

A. For Your Information: Quarterly Investment Report

Gray Lepley, Senior Director, PFM Asset Management, presented the Investment Performance Review for the Quarter ended June 30, 2025.

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

A resident expressed gratitude to Mayor Pro Tem John Barden and the City Council for their dedication and hard work.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

11. Warrant

A. Approval of Warrant #: 25-20 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,011,585.52.

Res. #25-326 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Approval of Warrant #: 25-20 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,011,585.52.

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

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Abdo commented on the Rotary Club Food Box.

Councilwoman Roscoe commented on the government shutdown and announced the Forgotten Harvest Program and Helping Hands.

Councilwoman Talley commented on previous community events she attended.

Councilman Wadsworth commented on the Veterans Memorial Monument and the upcoming election.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:39 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 October 27, 2025.

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