



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 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

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Roberto Scappaticci - Director of Public Services & DPW; Jeff Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Carol Maise - City Planner; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Gary Harris - Deputy Finance Director; Jessica Hobbs - Grant Coordinator; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communication & Community Service; Nicole Harris - Police Captain; Ken Chapman - Fire Chief

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Harry Crout**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #25-284** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #25-285** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearings held on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss an alley vacation in the Buckingham Manor Subdivision and at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the TIFA Plan Amendment adoption completed by OHM Advisors (formerly CIB Planning). **Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. Petitioner - None

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

Res. #25-286 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Nezzie Daniels. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #25-287 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Dominique Carrol. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #25-288 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adopt a resolution recognizing the 40th Class Reunion for the Romulus High School graduating class of 1985. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor

- A. **Res. #25-289** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and adopt the resolution accepting the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to acquire updated cardiac monitors and mechanical CPR devices for all frontline apparatus in the amount of \$598,534.66.
Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #25-290** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and appoint Emerly Long to the Romulus Housing Commission with a term to expire on February 26, 2030. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. **Res. #25-291** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and reappoint Michael Hoffman, Emery Long, Randy Moffat, and Dean Trudeau to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with all terms to expire on July 13, 2028. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- D. **Res. #25-292** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the GSA contract 47QSWA19D00AS for the purchase of training equipment from Ultimate Training Munitions for a total cost of \$12,248.89 using the MCOLES Grant. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- E. **Res. #25-293** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Issuance of the 2025B and 2025C (Limited Tax General Obligation) Refunding Bonds. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- F. **Res. #25-294** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 25/26-2 to cover costs associated with the repair of Ecorse Creek Drains and recognize State Grant Revenue.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
101-445				
<u>Revenue</u>				
101-445-5393.002-ECSCPP	State Revenue – Drains/Watersheds	\$-	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
<u>Expense</u>				
101-445-832.000-ECSCPP	Engineering – Ecorse Creek	\$-	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
<u>Expense</u>				
101-445-818.000	Contractual Services	\$-	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
101-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$13,714,749.00	\$10,000.00	\$13,704,749.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- G. **Res. #25-295** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 25/26-3 to cover costs associated with the annual DUWA bond payments and interest expense.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
592 Water & Sewer				
<u>Expense</u>				
592-592-991.000	Principal-DNVR Jdgmt	\$-	\$980,882.00	\$980,882.00
592-590-993.000	Interest Expense	\$-	\$543,714.00	\$543,714.00

<u>Retained Earnings</u> 592-000-390.000	Retained Earnings	\$12,850,750.00	\$1,524,596.00	\$11,326,154.00
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Motion Carried Unanimously

- H. **Res. #25-296** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 25/26-4 to cover costs associated with the annual claims expense.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
667 Prop & Liability				
<u>Expense</u> 677-267-962.000	Claims Expense	\$2,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00
<u>Fund Balance</u> 677-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$636,226.00	\$20,000.00	\$616,226.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- I. **Res. #25-297** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 25/26-6 to cover increase in costs for the single hauler collection and disposal program.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
226-528 Sanitation				
<u>Expense</u> 226-528-815.001	Recycling	\$183,750.00	\$213,000.00	\$396,750.00
226-528-815.002	Yard Waste	\$186,500.00	\$78,000.00	\$264,500.00
<u>Fund Balance</u> 226-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$1,440,068.00	\$291,000.00	\$1,149,068.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- J. **Res. #25-298** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 25/26-7 to cover CLEMIS maintenance and membership costs for computer-aided dispatching.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
261-301 911 Fund				
<u>Expense</u> 261-301-818.000	Contractual Svcs	\$6,911.00	\$17,500.00	\$24,411.00
261-301-931.000	Maintenance Svcs	\$48,543.00	\$10,500.00	\$59,043.00
<u>Fund Balance</u>				

261-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$90,795.00	\$28,000.00	\$62,795.00
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Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. Res. #25-299** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-5 in the amount of \$250,000.00 to cover costs associated with the emergency repair of the east ramp at City Hall. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. Res. #25-300** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the first reading and introduction to TA-2025-002; a proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article 11, Use Standards, Section 11.07, Vehicle Uses of the Romulus Zoning Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. Res. #25-301** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the First Reading and Introduction of amendments to Chapter 58 - Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article IV - Secondhand Automobile Business, Sect. 58-288, Definitions, and Sect. 58-289, Requirements for buildings and premises, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- D. Res. #25-302** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the first reading and introduction 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. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- E. Res. #25-303** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the distribution of the preliminary draft of the City of Romulus Master Plan, Future Land Use Map Amendments pursuant to MCL 125.3841 of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (PA 33 of 2008). **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- F. For Your Information:** Update on investigative report on a request to vacate an alley in the Buckingham Manor Subdivision.

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

Melandie Hines, Wayne Westland School Board Member, gave information on the Wayne-Westland School District bond proposal for residents in Precinct 6.
A resident requested a memorial resolution for Jack Wilson.
Res. #25-304 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jack Wilson. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business – See Clerk's Office for Complete copy of Minutes

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #25-305** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve Warrant #: 25-19 for checks presented in the amount of \$3,867,181.87. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

12. Communication - None

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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 13, 2025.



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