



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2025

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Councilwoman Tina Talley

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, Harry Crout, David Jones, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Absent / Excused: John Barden

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Jeff Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Carol Maise - City Planner; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Development & Safety; Ken Chapman - Director of Fire & Emergency Services; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director; Christina Parker - Purchasing Director

1. Agenda

Moved by **Harry Crout**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #25-107** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #25-108** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Sessions held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss amendments to the Honorary Street Naming Dedication Policy and at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed FY 25/26 City Budgets for the 34th District Court and Romulus Municipal Library. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. Petitioner

- A. Austen Lowis, VP of Operages for PMG Sealmaster, presented a PowerPoint presentation.
Res. #25-109 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the first reading of the request for RZ-2025-002; Gem Seal (PMG Sealmaster) to rezone 0.94 acres of property located at 28055 Van Born Road from M-1, Light Industrial to M-T, Industrial Transportation.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- B. Jonathon Yono, property owner, presented a PowerPoint Presentation.
Res. #25-110 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve the Introduction and First Reading of a proposed Zoning Map Amendment (rezoning) to rezone Lots 6-12 from C-2, General Business to C-3, Highway Service and Lots 13 - 30 from R-1B, Single Family Residential to C-3, Highway Service to redevelop the current party store property to a retail plaza with vehicle fuel pumps.
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #25-111 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve SLU-2024-003; Vehicle Fueling Station and SLU-2024-004; Drive-through Restaurant for Super Y Plaza, located at 7130 Middlebelt subject to the rezoning, conditional rezoning agreement and site plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

4. Chairperson's Report, Tina Talley, Councilwoman

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

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

- A. **Res. #25-112** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson's Park Horseshoe Pits by the Horseshoe Club on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting May 7, 2025, through September 24, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #25-113** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Mary Ann Banks Park by Creative Minds for meetings of their girls group on Thursdays, July 17th, 24th, 31st, and August 7th and 14th of 2025, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. **Res. #25-114** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Historical Park Pavilion by Linda Rodriguez for a Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- D. **Res. #25-115** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson Park by the Romulus Middle School for their End of the Year 8th Grade Picnic on June 4, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- E. **Res. #25-116** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Historical Park Pavilion by St. Aloysius Parish for their celebration of prayer community event on May 10, 2025 from noon to 2 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- F. **Res. #25-117** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Human Resources Director to sign the Employer Resolution Establishing Military Service Contribution Requirements for Defined Benefit. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- G. **Res. #25-118** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and reappoint Chris Dunn, Reverend Edward Thomas, and Durrice Green to the Romulus Housing Commission with terms to expire on February 26, 2030, and to reinstate Barbara Sanders to complete the vacated term which expires on February 26, 2026. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- H. **Res. #25-119** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and authorize the sole source purchase of Artist Fel3000 for the painting of the crosswalks throughout the Downtown R-District in the amount of \$23,000.00 with a 10% contingency (\$2,300.00) for any unforeseen expenses. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- I. **Res. #25-120** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and piggyback on the City of Warren RFP-W-1948 to enter into a 10 Year Billing Service Contract with EMS/MC for the insurance billing and collection of Fire and EMS activities. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- J. **Res. #25-121** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the service contract with Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP to complete a City-wide housing study in an amount not to exceed \$47,500.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- K. **Res. #25-122** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and extend our existing Distribution Services agreement with Constellation Energy for 48 months and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Transaction Confirmation for the purchase of our natural gas at a fixed rate from Constellation Energy for the term beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- L. **Res. #25-123** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and award bid ITB 24/25-12 for two (2) year pricing for as needed concrete repairs to the lowest and most responsive bidder GV Cement Contracting. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- M. Res. #25-124** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and approve Change Orders to Bid Award ITB 24/25-08 for improved treatment to the 2025 HMA Road Paving Program in the amount of \$139,824.00 with the following changes:
1. California Street will receive 1" overlay prior to chip sealing.
 2. Central and Loraine Streets north of Jones Street will receive a full dept mill and overlay as opposed to a mill and overlay. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- N. Res. #25-125** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 24/25-13 to both Osburn Industries, Inc. and John D. Osborne Trucking Co. Inc., for two (2) year pricing for gravel, sand, and limestone for the City's Department of Public Works to eliminate the possibility of products not being available when needed. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- O. Res. #25-126** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the contract with the State of Michigan, for the receipt of a legislative sponsorship grant, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00. Appropriation of funds has been allocated for the maintenance and improvement of Wayne Road and ancillary roadways within the City. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- P. Res. #25-127** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and award Bid ITB 24/25-14 to the three most responsible and responsible bidders: James Best One, Pomp's Tire Service, and Trader Ray Tire. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Q. Res. #25-128** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Sourcwell Contract TYMCO111522-TYM for the biannual monthly rental of one (1) Tymco Regenerative 500 Street Sweeper for the price of \$13,045.00 per rental from Best Rents. This rental takes place each May & November for a one (1) month interval. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Res. #25-129** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and approve the biannual rental for the length of the contract plus any allowable extensions until such time as the city no longer wishes to rent the equipment or is no longer able to be budgeted for. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- R. Res. #25-130** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to adopt the resolution to abandon 500 feet of existing water main that is currently installed within the Inkster Road Right of Way (ROW) from Ecorse Road to Van Born Road which includes 1,580 feet of existing 12 inch water main that is installed within the Ecorse Road ROW from Birchdale Street to Inkster Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- S. Res. #25-131** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-17 to recognize \$1,000,000.00 in 203-000-569.000 of State Grant Revenue and \$1,000,000.00 in 203-463-980.00 of expenditures associated with the Swan Lake project in the local roads fund.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u> <u>NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
203 Local Roads				
Expense 203-463-980.000	Project Costs	\$-	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Revenue 203-000-569.000	Other State Grants	\$-	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- T. Res. #25-132** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-18 to recognize Grant Revenue and Corresponding expenditures for a MHSDA Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
101-728 101-701				
<u>Expense</u>				
101-728-818.000	Contractual Services	\$-	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00
101-701-818.000	Contractual Services	\$-	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<u>Revenue</u>				
101-728-569.000	Other State Grants	\$-	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00
101-701-569.000	Other State Grants	\$-	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. **Res. #25-133** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the recommendation from the Executive Advisory Committee and reappoint Sheldon Chandler to the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to expire on June 30, 2028. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #25-134** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to adopt a resolution approving the amendments to the Honorary Street Naming Dedication Policy. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Res. #25-135** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to set the application period for 2025 to begin the first Monday in May and end by 4 p.m. on the first Monday in June, with all recommended applications placed on the agenda by the first City Council meeting in July for approval. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

A resident commented on the 2024 Clean Sweep event and wished Councilman Wadsworth a happy birthday.

9. Unfinished Business – Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

- A. **Res. #25-135a** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve Warrant #: 25-08 for checks presented in the amount of \$794,244.08. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

12. Communication - None

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 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 April 28, 2025.



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