

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING May 12, 2025

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174 Councilwoman Tina Talley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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'Sionaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Losen - HR Director; Jerry Frayer - DDA Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development

1. Agenda

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

2. **Minutes**

- Res. #25-136 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Minutes from the A. Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- Res. #25-137 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Harry Crout to approve the Minutes from the В. Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 25/26 FY City Budgets. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Petitioner - None 3.

Chairperson's Report, Tina Talley, Councilwoman 4.

Res. #25-138 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by David Jones to concur with the Administration's recommendation in approving a new Blue Cross Blue Shield HRA 5000 health care plan to replace the existing Blue Cross Blue Shield HRA 2500 plan for non-Medicare eligible retirees, and authorizing the Mayor or Human Resources Director to be approved signatories. The new plan is to be effective July 1, 2025. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Res. #25-139 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Kendall B. Carr. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Benjamin Edmondson, RCS Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint on the 2025 RCS Bond Campaign for the bond proposal that will be presented to voters at the August 5, 2025, Special Election.

A resident commented on the bond proposal with concerns regarding increased taxes.

A written comment was read into the record.

A resident inquired about student proficiency and concerns that the residents would shoulder the burden of the bond during bad times.

Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the Chairperson's Report. A. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Res. #25-140 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the 1st Amendment to the

- Lease Agreement with the City of Romulus Municipal Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- **B.** Res. #25-141 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Harry Crout to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Ribbon Cutting of Eagle Alley in R-District and activities in R-District along with the closure of Goddard Road from Sterling Street to Shook Road beginning at 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 6. Clerk's Report Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
 - **A.** Res. #25-142 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-17 to recognize \$1,000,000.00 in GL# 203-000-569.000 of State Grant Revenue and \$1,000,000.00 in GL#203-463-980.000 of expenditures associated with the Swan Lake Project in the local roads fund. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
 - **B.** Res. #25-143 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by David Jones to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-18 in the amount of \$50,000.00 to recognize Grant Revenue and corresponding expenditures for a MSHDA Grant. Motion Carried Unanimously.
 - C. Res. #25-144 Moved by David Jones, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption 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.
 - Res. #25-145 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by David Jones to approve the Application for Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Detroit Airport Hotel Limited Partnership III (8500 Wickham Road) with an exemption approved for seven (7) years.
 Roll Call Vote: Ayes Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth Nays Abdo, Crout Motion Carried.
- 7. Treasurer's Report Stacy Paige, Treasurer
- **8. Public Comment None**
- 9. Unfinished Business None
- 10. New Business None
- 11. Warrant
 - **A. Res.** #25-146 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve Warrant #: 25-09 for checks presented in the amount of \$2,186,615.47. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 12. Communication None
- 13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 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 May 12, 2025.

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

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