



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 27, 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:

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney;
Steve Dudek - Technology Services Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Jerry Frayer - DDA Director;
Gary Harris - Asst. Finance Director; Maria Lambert - Director of Resident Services

1. Agenda

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

2. Minutes

- A. Res. #25-147 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Harry Crout to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. Res. #25-148 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by David Jones to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive/Closed Session held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion and the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. for the proposed 2025/26 FY Budget for the City of Romulus pursuant to Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter. Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. Petitioner - None

4. Chairperson's Report, Tina Talley, Councilwoman

Res. #25-149 Moved by David Jones, seconded by William Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Charles Barker. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

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

Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko presented the Mayor's Report on behalf of Mayor McCraight.

- A. Res. #25-150 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the Administration and approve the sub-recipient agreement with Wayne County for HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for FYs 2024 to 2025 in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. Res. #25-151 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Jay Kuderik to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire on August 26, 2027. Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. Res. #25-152 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Harry Crout to concur with the Administration and approve Change Order #1 to Bid Award ITB 23/24-10 for additional work within the City of Romulus Mary Ann Banks Park to add Court Drainage & Concrete Work from Premier Group Associates with a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously**
- D. Res. #25-153 Moved by David Jones, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street beginning at Bibbins Street and ending at the entrance to the Post Office**

- on Hunt Street from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, for the 3rd Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration.**Motion Carried Unanimously**
- E. **Res. #25-154** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy Authorization for the City of Romulus and 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as submitted by Mayor McCraight.

CITY OF ROMULUS

GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 and millage rates to support this budget.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

SECTION 1.

for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities

SECTION 2.

General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the

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COUNCIL	125,810
MAYOR	1,056,127
CLERK	1,025,034
FINANCIAL SERVICES	16,547,060
TREASURER	610,630
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,558,920
PUBLIC SERVICES	4,430,489
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	179,170
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL	1,264,509
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,797,749

REVENUES

PROPERTY TAXES	10,802,200
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	513,000

FEDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES	27,880
STATE GRANTS & REVENUES	5,000,550
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	530,770
FINES & FORFEITS	100,000
INTEREST & RENTS	1,000,000
OTHER REVENUES	1,854,780
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS	66,500
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,554,000
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TOTAL REVENUES	21,449,680
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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	6,348,069
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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	27,797,749
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SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

202 MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	1,653,440
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	1,100,000
TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND	110,000
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	2,863,440
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REVENUES	3,302,800
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SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

203 LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES	6,794,870
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REVENUES	6,052,575
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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	742,295
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	6,794,870
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SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

205	PUBLIC SAFETY FUND EXPENDITURES	<u><u>18,693,093</u></u>
	REVENUES	<u><u>18,622,610</u></u>

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

208	ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER FUND EXPENDITURES	<u><u>3,973,940</u></u>
	REVENUES	<u><u>3,973,950</u></u>

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

209	CEMETERY FUND	<u><u></u></u>
	REVENUES	<u><u>100</u></u>
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u><u>-</u></u>

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

211	CABLE TELEVISION	<u><u>289,850</u></u>
	REVENUES	<u><u>262,600</u></u>
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u><u>27,250</u></u>

**TOTAL REVENUES &
APPROPRIATED FUND
BALANCE**

289,850

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

**218 MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT**

188,070

**REVENUES
APPROPRIATION - FUND
BALANCE
TOTAL REVENUES &
APPROPRIATED FUND
BALANCE**

165,200

22,870

188,070

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

219 STREET LIGHTING

1,188,280

**REVENUES
APPROPRIATION - FUND
BALANCE
TOTAL REVENUES &
APPROPRIATED FUND
BALANCE**

1,091,360

96,920

1,188,280

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following:

**225 COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE
ACTIVITY FUND**

5,000

REVENUES

1,000

APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	4,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	5,000

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

226 SANITATION FUND	
EXPENDITURES	2,079,970
REVENUES	1,736,340
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	343,630
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	2,079,970

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

245 OAKWOOD SPECIAL	
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	9,000
REVENUES	4,260
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	4,740
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	9,000

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

252 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
BLOCK GRANTS	20,000

REVENUES	20,000
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SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund on an activity basis, the following:

260	MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	225,000
	REVENUES	281,610

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

261	9 1 1 FUND	121,850
	REVENUES	145,840

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

265	STATE FORFEITURE FUND	16,000
	REVENUES	1,500
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	14,500
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	16,000

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

266	FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	479,880
	REVENUES	25,000
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	454,880
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	479,880

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following:

271 MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	1,192,400
REVENUES	915,910
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	276,490
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	1,192,400

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Opioid Settlement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

284 OPIOID SETTLEMENT	40,000
REVENUES	12,710
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	27,290
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	40,000

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017B Court Building Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	
305 BONDS	1,043,390
REVENUES	1,010,000

APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	33,390
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	<u>1,043,390</u>

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017A Ecorse/Vining Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

306 2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	<u>1,018,300</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,050,720</u>

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

352 2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	<u>116,400</u>
REVENUES	<u>116,400</u>

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

389 SEWER DEBT SERVICE	<u>200,000</u>
REVENUES	<u>50,000</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	150,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	<u>200,000</u>

SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

396 WATER DEBT SERVICE	<u>60,000</u>
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REVENUES	30,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	30,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	60,000

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Court Building Construction on an activity basis, the following:

482 COURT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	200,000
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REVENUES	5,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	195,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	200,000

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Ecorse Construction & Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:

403 ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION	
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REVENUES	30,000
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SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

495 TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION	45,000
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REVENUES	600
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	44,400
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	45,000

SECTION 29. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

592 SEWER AND WATER	<u>19,873,989</u>
REVENUES	<u>17,198,998</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	2,674,991
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	<u>19,873,989</u>

SECTION 30. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

661 MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	<u>3,342,571</u>
REVENUES	<u>2,614,650</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	727,921
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	<u>3,342,571</u>

SECTION 31. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

664 TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	<u>1,220,390</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,136,710</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND	
BALANCE	83,680
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND	
BALANCE	<u>1,220,390</u>

SECTION 32. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

677 PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	<u>607,960</u>
REVENUES	<u>661,600</u>

SECTION 33. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

676 RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	<u><u>2,211,560</u></u>
REVENUES	<u><u>3,422,150</u></u>

SECTION 34. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

243 BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	<u><u>3,090</u></u>
REVENUES	<u><u>77,310</u></u>

SECTION 35. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

248 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	<u><u>858,410</u></u>
REVENUES	<u><u>653,430</u></u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u><u>204,980</u></u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u><u>858,410</u></u>

SECTION 36. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

247 TIFA DISTRICT	<u><u>11,122,780</u></u>
REVENUES	<u><u>11,713,900</u></u>

SECTION 37. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following
Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	<u><u>16,768,340</u></u>
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SECTION 38.

That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required

to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 39.

Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by

charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063
P.A. 359 MILLAGE	0.0340
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500

SECTION 40.

Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any

type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

**CITY OF ROMULUS
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

That for the expenditures of the **34th District Court** and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount is hereby appropriated.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES \$3,903,060

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. **Res. #25-155** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 01-152 for the purchase of six (6) Microsoft Office 2024 LTSC Professional Plus Licenses and forty-eight Microsoft Office 2024 LTSC Standard Licenses from zones, LLC for a total cost of \$19,726.44. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- A. **Res. #25-156** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the 2017 CIP Bond Refunding.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. **Res. #25-157** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve the 2025/2026 City of Romulus Proposed Municipal Fee Schedule, as presented, to be effective July 1, 2025.

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. #25-158** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve Warrant #: 25-10 for checks presented in the amount of \$651,197.29. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

12. **Communication - None**

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the meeting at 8:04 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 27, 2025.



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