



## 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.** That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

**SECTION 2.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

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

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>	10,802,200
<b>BUSINESS LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>	513,000

<b>FEDERAL GRANTS &amp; REVENUES</b>	27,880
<b>STATE GRANTS &amp; REVENUES</b>	5,000,550
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>	530,770
<b>FINES &amp; FORFEITS</b>	100,000
<b>INTEREST &amp; RENTS</b>	1,000,000
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>	1,854,780
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS</b>	66,500
<b>NON-BUSINESS LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>	1,554,000
	1,554,000
 <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	 21,449,680
 <b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	 6,348,069
 <b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	 27,797,749

**SECTION 3.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

	<b>MAJOR ROADS FUND</b>	
202	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	1,653,440
	<b>TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS</b>	1,100,000
	<b>TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND</b>	110,000
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; CONTINGENCIES</b>	2,863,440
	 <b>REVENUES</b>	 3,302,800

**SECTION 4.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

	<b>LOCAL STREETS FUND</b>	
203	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	6,794,870
	 <b>REVENUES</b>	 6,052,575
	<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	742,295
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	6,794,870

**SECTION 5.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

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

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

<b>209</b>	<b>CEMETERY FUND</b>	<u>                    </u>
	<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>100</u>
	<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>                    </u>
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<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:

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

<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	4,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	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:

	<b>SANITATION FUND</b>	
<b>226</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	2,079,970
	<b>REVENUES</b>	1,736,340
	<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND</b>	
	<b>BALANCE</b>	343,630
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND</b>	
	<b>BALANCE</b>	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:

	<b>OAKWOOD SPECIAL</b>	
<b>245</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT DISTRICT</b>	9,000
	<b>REVENUES</b>	4,260
	<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND</b>	
	<b>BALANCE</b>	4,740
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND</b>	
	<b>BALANCE</b>	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:

	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
<b>252</b>	<b>BLOCK GRANTS</b>	20,000

<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>20,000</u>
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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:

<b>260 MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND</b>	<u>225,000</u>
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<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>281,610</u>
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**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:

<b>261 9 1 1 FUND</b>	<u>121,850</u>
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<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>145,840</u>
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**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:

<b>265 STATE FORFEITURE FUND</b>	<u>16,000</u>
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<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>1,500</u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	14,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>16,000</u>

**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:

<b>266 FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND</b>	<u>479,880</u>
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<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>25,000</u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	454,880
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>479,880</u>

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

<b>271 MUNICIPAL LIBRARY</b>	<u>1,192,400</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>915,910</u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	276,490
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>1,192,400</u>

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

<b>284 OPIOID SETTLEMENT</b>	<u>40,000</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>12,710</u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	27,290
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>40,000</u>

**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:

<b>2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>	
<b>305 BONDS</b>	<u>1,043,390</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>1,010,000</u>

<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	33,390
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<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:

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

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

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

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

<b>482 COURT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION</b>	200,000
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<b>REVENUES</b>	5,000
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	195,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	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:

<b>403 ECORSE CONSTRUCTION &amp; VINING ROAD EXTENSION</b>	
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<b>REVENUES</b>	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:

<b>495 TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION</b>	45,000
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<b>REVENUES</b>	600
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	44,400
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	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:

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

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

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

<b>677 PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE</b>	<u>607,960</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<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:

<b>RETIREE INSURANCE</b>	
<b>676 BENEFITS</b>	<u><u>2,211,560</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<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:

<b>BROWNFIELD</b>	
<b>REDEVELOPMENT</b>	
<b>243 AUTHORITY</b>	<u><u>3,090</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<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:

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

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

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

<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	<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:

<b>OPERATING MILLAGE</b>	9.4063
<b>P.A. 359 MILLAGE</b>	0.0340
<b>FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE</b>	4.0000
<b>LIBRARY MILLAGE</b>	0.7000
<b>SANITATION MILLAGE</b>	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 **34<sup>th</sup> 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