

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. Res. #24-015 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously
B. There were no special meeting(s) held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

3. Petitioner - None

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

Res. #24-016 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by William Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jacky Street. Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-017 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Kathy Abdo to fill the vacancy of the City Council with the next candidate in line from the 2021 City Election, Allen R. Wilson.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Williams Nays - Barden, Talley Motion Carried

- 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. #24-018 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-12 to recognize expenses for the Mary Ann Banks DNR Grant Project.

Table with 5 columns: FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO., ACCOUNT NAME, CURRENT BUDGET, AMENDMENT, AMENDED BUDGET. Rows include 295 DDA Fund, Fund Balance, 295-000-390.000 Retained Earnings, Expense 295-728-980.00 Project Costs.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- B. Res. #24-019 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Virginia Williams to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700181 for the purchase of three (3) 2023 Ford Police Utility Interceptors, with options and a seven-year extended warranty for a total cost of \$143,457.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. Res. #24-020 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-11 in the amount of \$74,257.00 to purchase a Water & Sewer Dump Truck. Motion Carried Unanimously
B. Res. #24-021 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments to Chapter 22, Section 22-23 Reserved, amending Section 109.4 of the International Fire Code, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances Motion Carried Unanimously
C. Res. #24-022 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Virginia Williams to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption to amend Chapter 22, adding Article 10, Reporting, Section 22-262 to the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances. Motion Carried Unanimously
D. Res. #24-023 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve a one-hour and fifteen-minute study session for Monday, April 8, 2024, and Monday, April 22, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2024-25 City Budgets. Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #24-024 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Kathy Abdo to schedule a public hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers for Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2024-25 City Budgets in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter. Motion Carried Unanimously.
E. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: 2024 Meeting Schedules
Romulus Housing Commission
Police Fire and Safety Commission

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council regarding the back taxes of a local business.
Allen Wilson addressed the City Council in appreciation of his appointment to the City Council.
A resident addressed the City Council regarding proposed legislation that will promote transparency in decision-making.
A resident addressed the City Council regarding parking in the Preserves Subdivision.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business

11. Warrant

- A. Res. #24-025 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve Warrant #: 23-25 for checks presented in the amount of \$410,941.49. Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication - Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes

13. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 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 January 8, 2024.

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