

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 1, 2024

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

# Pledge of Allegiance

## **Roll Call**

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

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

Williams, Allen Wilson

Absent / Excused:

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:** 

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

**Administrative Staff in Attendance:** 

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development

# 1. Agenda

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### 2. Minutes

- **A.** Res. #24-086 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously
- **B.** Res. #24-087 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting Study Session held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. for a presentation regarding the city's infrastructure. Motion Carried Unanimously

## 3. Petitioner

**A.** SLU-2023-004; Romulus Distribution Center (36711 Ecorse Road)

Kyle Morton and Mark Wimbey of Ashley Capital presented a PowerPoint regarding the need for special land use approval.

A resident addressed the City Council disapproving of the special land use.

A resident addressed the City Council regarding the methods to be used by Ashley Capital to mitigate the hazardous grounds.

**Res. #24-088** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Land Use request for SLU-2023-004 Romulus Distribution Center at 36711 Ecorse Rd. to allow two industrial warehouse buildings larger than 80,000 sq. ft. based on findings of fact noted in the minutes of the Planning Commission and associated consultant and staff reports and subject to the conditions of the site plan approval.

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

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

- 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
- 6. Clerk's Report Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
  - A. Res. #24-089 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments to Appendix B, Chapter 38, Pension Plan, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances. Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer – See Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes

#### 8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council to give historical background on the old firehouse on Goddard Road. A resident addressed the City Council regarding adopting a T&R policy for stray animals and commented on testing efficacy at the Romulus Distribution Center site.

A resident addressed the City Council regarding a council member's decision to run for another office.

A resident addressed the City Council regarding his commercial lease with the City.

9. Unfinished Business - See Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes

### 10. New Business

**Res.** #24-090 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Tracey Cline. **Motion Carried Unanimously** 

**Res.** #24-091 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Arthur Robert Hamilton. **Motion Carried Unanimously** 

Res. #24-092 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ellory Scott. Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Communication - See Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes

# 12. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 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 1, 2024.

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

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