



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 Hockenull - 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.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

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.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

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.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson

Nays - None

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.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
Nays - None
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.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige reminded the residents that the deadline to file their taxes is April 15th.

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

Councilperson Wadsworth informed the Mayor of the state of the railroad tracks in the downtown area.

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.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
Nays - None
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.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
Nays - None

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.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Communication

Councilperson Talley commented on past and upcoming events and commended everyone who participated in the Good Friday Walk.

Councilperson Williams reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest Program.

Councilperson Barden thanked Ashley Capital for their presentation and plans for the old landfill.

Councilperson Roscoe clarified the action of the Council tonight regarding the Romulus Distribution Center.

12. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson
Nays - None

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