

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 9, 2022**

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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

**Absent / Excused:**

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

D'Sjonaun Hockenull, Deputy Clerk

**Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director;

Maria Farris - Finance Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director

**1. Agenda**

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**2. Minutes**

**A. Res. #22-122** Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Abstain - Abdo  
**Motion Carried**

**B. Res. #22-123** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for public input on the proposed 2022/23 FY Budget as set forth in Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the City Charter.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Abstain - Abdo  
**Motion Carried**

**3. Petitioner - NONE**

**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**

**A. Res. #22-124** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and adopt the Resolution to request the State of Michigan take appropriate action to resolve the City of Highland Park's debt issue to the Great Lakes Water Authority and leave the City of Romulus whole. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**B. Res. #22-125** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and adopt the City of Romulus Public Participation Plan, as part of the Redevelopment Ready Community best practice requirements of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**C.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, 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 2022-2023 as submitted by Mayor McCraight. Councilmembers had discussions on separating approval of the 34th District Court's budget from the City's Budget. The Deputy Clerk presented protocol under Robert's Rules of Order as adopted by City Council on how to proceed forward.

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for an amendment to the stated motion to separate Section 36 and the 34th District Court's budget from the General and Special Appropriation Act. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Williams Nays - Barden, Talley, Webb **Motion Carried**

**Res. #22-126** Moved by **Tina Talley**, 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 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

<b>SECTION 2.</b>	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:
	COUNCIL \$ 106,078
	MAYOR 812,874
	CLERK 744,198
	FINANCIAL SERVICES 11,044,760
	TREASURER 469,590
	PUBLIC SAFETY 1,650,026
	PUBLIC SERVICES 3,487,960
	COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 134,391
	RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL 573,581
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 19,023,458</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>	
	PROPERTY TAXES 9,417,550
	BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS 221,000
	FEDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES -
	STATE GRANTS & REVENUES 4,429,430
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES 588,760
	FINES & FORFEITS 100,000
	INTEREST & RENTS 439,290
	OTHER REVENUES 1,570,550
	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS 27,020
	NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS 1,262,200
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES 18,055,800</b>
	<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE 967,658</b>
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE 19,023,458</b>

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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:

	MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES 2,019,000
	TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS 300,000
	TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND 200,690
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; CONTINGENCIES 2,519,690</b>
	<b>REVENUES 2,933,064</b>

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

	LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES 1,704,080
	REVENUES 1,253,690
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE 450,390
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE 1,704,080</b>

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

	PUBLIC SAFETY FUND 14,590,600
	<b>REVENUES 14,590,600</b>

**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:

	ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER 1,563,920
	<b>REVENUES 1,565,950</b>

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

	CEMETERY FUND -
	<b>REVENUES 100</b>

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

	CABLE TELEVISION 305,006
	<b>REVENUES 362,370</b>

**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:

	MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT 111,700
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REVENUES	98,990
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	12,710
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>111,700</b>

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

STREET LIGHTING	624,030
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>669,000</b>

**SECTION 11.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	14,000
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>20,630</b>

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**SECTION 12.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND	10,000
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>10,000</b>

**SECTION 13.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION	1,398,163
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>1,425,130</b>

**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:

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

**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:

MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	220,750
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>220,850</b>

**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:

9 1 1 FUND	144,120
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>156,000</b>

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

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	208,160
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>108,160</b>

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<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>208,160</b>
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**SECTION 18.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	77,750
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>67,750</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>77,750</b>

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

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	1,384,809
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>960,690</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>424,119</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,384,809</b>

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

Grant Special Revenue	1,238,620
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2,477,260</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(1,238,640)</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,238,620</b>

**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 BONDS	1,040,938
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>450,500</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>590,438</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,040,938</b>

**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:

2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	1,138,075
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<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>1,118,190</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>19,885</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,138,075</b>

**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:

2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	200,690
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>200,680</b>

**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:

SEWER DEBT SERVICE	400,000
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>95,000</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>305,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>400,000</b>

**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:

WATER DEBT SERVICE	60,000
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<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>60,500</b>
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**SECTION 26.** 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:

ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION	1,640,170
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,635,170</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,640,170</b>

**SECTION 27.** 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:

TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION	24,000
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>100</b>

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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>23,900</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>24,000</u>

**SECTION 28.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	<u>17,746,494</u>
REVENUES	<u>13,667,312</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>4,079,182</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>17,746,494</u>

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

MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	<u>2,274,570</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,661,390</u>

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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	613,180
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>2,274,570</u>

**SECTION 30.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	<u>892,450</u>
REVENUES	<u>711,650</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>180,800</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>892,450</u>

**SECTION 31.** 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:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	<u>628,312</u>
REVENUES	<u>622,890</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>5,422</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>628,312</u>

**SECTION 32.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	<u>2,278,752</u>
REVENUES	<u>2,365,240</u>

**SECTION 33.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	<u>3,610</u>
REVENUES	<u>9,760</u>

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

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	<u>763,872</u>
REVENUES	<u>525,680</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>238,192</u>

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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>763,872</u>
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**SECTION 35.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II	<u>10,658,316</u>
REVENUES	<u>6,694,517</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>3,963,799</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>10,658,316</u>

**SECTION 36.** Removed & voted separately by resolution of City Council

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

CAPITAL BUDGET	<u>10,558,465</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	0.0464
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Res. #22-127** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve Section 36 of the General and Special Appropriations Act and appropriated expenditures therein for the 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as submitted by Mayor McCraight.

**SECTION 36.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 34th District Court on an activity basis, the following:

<b>34th DISTRICT COURT</b>	<u>420,000</u>
REVENUES	<u>2,000</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>418,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>420,000</u>

**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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, the following amount is hereby appropriated.

**OPERATING EXPENDITURES \$3,511,600**

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

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

**A. Res. #22-128** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the 2022/2023 Fee Schedule for the City of Romulus, to be effective July 1, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**B. Res. #22-129** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of TA-2022-001; a proposed text amendment to Section 4.01 Statement of Purpose; Section 6.03, Requirements Applicable to Specific Uses; Section 11.01, Residential; Section s24.05, 24.14, 24.1a, 24.19, and 24.20, Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

**8. Public Comment** - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes

**9. Unfinished Business** - NONE

**10. New Business** - NONE

**11. Warrant**

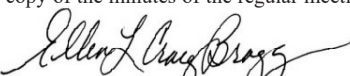
**A. Res. #22-130** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve t Warrant #: 22-9 for checks presented in the amount of \$737,956.18. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**12. Communication** - Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 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 9, 2022.

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