

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 6, 2023**

**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:** John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams,

**Absent / Excused:** Kathy Abdo

Eva Webb attended the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk

**Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development;

Carol Maise - City Planner; Jeffrey Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Jerome Frayer - DDA

Director; Derran Shelby - Deputy Police Chief; Kenneth Chapman - Deputy Fire Chief; Maria Lambert

- Director of Resident Services

**1. Agenda**

A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to accept the Agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Councilwoman Webb attended the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**2. Minutes**

A. **Res. #23-050** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes

from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #23-051** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes

from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to

discuss the amendments to The Fairways at Gateway PDA site plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**3. Petitioner**

A. **Petitioner:** Rino Soave, Infinity Homes & Co.

**Petition:** Approval of Preliminary PDA Site Plan & Preliminary Condominium Plans

Council members asked follow-up questions to the Petitioner stemming from the February 27th

Special Meeting presentation.

A resident requested that the Council delay action on Infinity Homes' petition until the developer completes work on other subdivisions.

**Res. #23-052** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the

recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve PDA-2020-001; Fairways at Gateway

amended Preliminary PDA Site Plan and First Amendment to the pDA Agreement subject to

conditions identified in the consultant and department reports. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #23-053** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the recommendation

of the Planning Commission and approve SPR-2022-013; the Bluffs at Gateway Preliminary

Condominium Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #23-054** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the

recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve SPR-2022-014; Oakmont at Gateway

Preliminary Condominium Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**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. #23-055** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the

Administration and approve the sub-recipient agreement with Wayne County for HUD Community

Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the FYs 2022 to 2023 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #23-056** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to concur with the Administration

and approve the following appointment and reappointment to the Downtown Development

Authority: Derrick Steve Harmon, with a term to expire on July 31, 2026, Randy Moffat with a term

to expire February 5, 2027, Brian Bush with a term to expire March 11, 2027, and the appointment

of Craig Greca with a term to expire August 26, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. **Res. #23-057** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the

Administration authorize no-fee permits for all Rumble in Romulus activities beginning Friday, July

28th at 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. followed by

a brunch at a local Romulus restaurant on Sunday, July 30th as well as a road closure of Goddard

Road between Shook Road and sterling Street beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 29th and

ending at 10:00 p.m. that evening for the Second Annual Rumble in Romulus "Bike Night" event.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

D. **Res. #23-058** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the

Administration and extend RFP 19/20-04 with CivicPlus LLC with the addition of CivicPlus FOIA

Management Software (administered by Next Request LLC) for a two (2) year commitment the

amount of \$16,776.00 to be paid annually at \$8,388.00 beginning in FY 2023/2024.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

E. **Res. #23-059** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to concur with the

Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 22/23-12 to recognize federal funding and allocate

additional funds for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2023 SAFER grant and the hiring of

six (6) additional firefighter positions in accordance with the "Period Performance" for the grant

beginning March 20, 2023.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>205 Public Safety Fund</b>				
<b>Revenue</b>				
205-336-501.094	Federal Grant - SAFER	\$-	\$164,575.00	\$164,575.00
<b>Expense</b>				
205-336-702.002	SAFER Salaries	\$-	\$102,900.00	\$102,900.00
205-336-706.000	Comp Abs	\$-	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00
205-336-710.336	FLSA Overtime	\$-	\$8,010.00	\$8,010.00
205-336-715.000	Social Security	\$-	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
205-336-715.001	Medicare	\$-	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
205-336-716.001	Defined Benefit	\$-	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00
205-336-717.100	Ret. Health Savings	\$-	\$945.00	\$945.00
205-336-718.000	Health Insurance	\$-	\$27,250.00	\$27,250.00
205-336-719.000	Dental Insurance	\$-	\$2,710.00	\$2,710.00
205-336-720.000	Life Insurance	\$-	\$185.00	\$185.00
205-336-721.000	LTD Insurance	\$-	\$445.00	\$445.00
205-336-722.000	Workers Comp	\$-	\$5,150.00	\$5,150.00
205-336-723.000	Empl. Assistance	\$-	\$70.00	\$70.00

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

F. **Res. #23-060** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the

Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 22/23-13 to recognize additional fees for

engineering reimbursements.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>General Fund</b>				
<b>Revenue</b>				
101-371-823.000	Engineering Fees - Reimbursable	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00
<b>Expense</b>				
101-371-682.823	Reimburse - Engineer Fees	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

G. **Res. #23-061** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the

Administration and authorize the sole source purchase and installation of 26 Falcon Camera Systems

from Flock Group Inc. for the City of Romulus Police Department at a total cost of \$146,100.00

under the terms of Sole Source Purchases Exception in Section 39-11(d)(1)c.1 of the City of

Romulus Purchasing Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

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

**8. Public Comment**

A resident addressed the Council to announce the Family Fun event on March 12th, sponsored by St.

John's Lodge and hosted by the Romulus Lanes.

DDA Director Jerry Frayer informed the residents that the city's chipper service had been extended

to March 14th and to contact the DPW to be placed on the chipper list.

**9. Unfinished Business - None**

**10. New Business - None**

**11. Communication** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

**Res. #23-062** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution

disapproving of the injection well from Republic Waste Services and urging support from county and

state officials to terminate its operations. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #23-063** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution

petitioning EGLE to re-open the public comment period on the renewal of Republic Waste Service

permits. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 6, 2023.

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