

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 27, 2023
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 pm by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.

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

Absent / Excused: Eva Webb

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

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

Attorney; Julie Albert - Director of Assessing and Financial Services; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director;

Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director; Derran Shelby - Deputy Police Chief

1. Agenda

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

2. Minutes

A. **Res. #23-076** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:30p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. There were no special meetings held on Monday, March 13, 2023.

3. Petitioner

A. **Petitioner:** Rev. Arthur Willis **Petition:** Road Closure Request for Annual Good Friday Day Walk Event Rev. Arthur Willis said a prayer on behalf of the families who lost loved ones in the school shooting in Nashville, TN. He requested a no-fee permit for the annual Good Friday Walk Event.

Res. #23-077 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by Kathy Abdo, to approve the no-fee permit for the Good Friday Walk Event and the closing of Goddard Road starting at Hunt St. and ending at Five Points from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2023

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. #23-078** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Elmer Johnson's Park pavilion on June 9, 2023, for the Romulus Middle School's end of the year eighth-grade picnic.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #23-079** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by Celeste Roscoe, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit to the Kiwanis Club for the use of the Historical Park on April 22, 2023, for an Earth Day Nature walk and clean-up event in conjunction with Romulus Community Schools. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. **Res. #23-080** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and the Downtown Development Authority and approve the proposed amendments to the City of Romulus Downtown Development Authority By-laws to reflect the decrease in the number of serving members from thirteen to nine. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

D. **Res. #23-081** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and adopt the Resolution authorizing Entry of Participation Agreements in Partial Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation and Entry of State and Local Government Intrastate Agreement Concerning Allocation of Settlement Proceeds. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

E. **Res. #23-082** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to concur with the Administration and award RFP 22/23-13 for a two (2) year maintenance contract for landscaping & irrigation for the Merriman Road Special Assessment District (SAD) to the only responding contractor DJ's Landscaping Management, in the estimated amount of \$45,00.00 per season and not to exceed budgeted funds. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

F. **Res. #23-083** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 22/23-14 to use funds balance to replace the Federal Weather Station (Tornado Sirens) equipment that is failing due to outdated equipment.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
261 – 911 Fund				
Fund Balance				
261-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$187,746.00	\$(12,990).00	\$174,746.00
Expense				
261-301-970.000	Capital Outlay	\$-	\$12,990.00	\$12,990.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Res. #23-084 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Bianca Nicole McDavid. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

A. **Res. #23-085** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments to Chapter 26, Article I, Section 26.3, Permanent structure and mobile food service, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**

B. **Res. #23-086** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to amend the 22/23 fee schedule for the Clerk's Office to allow for the collection of food truck licensing fees as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. **Res. #23-087** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by Kathy Abdo, to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and appoint David Jones to the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110 of 2006, with a term to expire on June 30, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

D. **Res. #23-088** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of providing the Council with updates to development from NorthPoint Development and amendments to the Romulus Trade Center Conditional Rezoning and Development Agreement related to phasing. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

A resident inquired about HVAC installation in the building he rents.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilwoman Williams asked for an update on the reconstruction of the Veteran's Monument Memorial.

Res. #23-089 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Diane Reid-Harris. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

10. New Business – See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

11. Warrant

A. **Res. #23-090** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 23-6 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,813,762.47.

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

Motion Carried

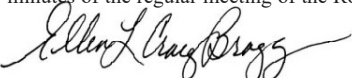
12. Communication – See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 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 27, 2023.



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