# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING May 8, 2023

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

- Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe Councilperson Webb attended the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
- Administrative Officials in Attendance:
- Robert McCraight, Mayor
- Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
- Stacy Paige, Treasurer
- Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Kathy Hood - Assistant DPW Director; Kenneth Chapman -Deputy Fire Chief; Derran Shelby - Deputy Police Chief

## 1. Agenda

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

#### 2. Minutes

- Res. #23-132 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo, to approve the Minutes A. from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Abstain - Barden Motion Carried. Councilperson Webb attended the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
- Res. #23-133 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley, to approve the Minutes B. from the Special Meeting(s) held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion and at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 2023/2024 FY Preliminary Budget of the City of Romulus as set forth in Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Abstain - Barden **Motion Carried**
- 3. Petitioner None
- Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes 4. Res. #23-134 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by William Wadsworth, to adopt a resolution commemorating the 96th anniversary of the First Baptist Church in Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously** 
  - Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo, to accept the Chairperson's Report A. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- 5. Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor
- Res. #23-135 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the Α. Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Resolution for the City to comply with the application requirements of the Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Program. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Nays - Webb **Motion Carried**
- Res. #23-136 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by William Wadsworth, to concur with the B. Administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy authorization for the City of Romulus and 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2.	<b>ECTION 2.</b> That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund o activity basis, the following:		
C	COUNCIL \$	103,720	
N	1AYOR	889,495	
C	LERK	846,295	
F	INANCIAL SERVICES	15,048,948	
Т	REASURER	498,630	
Р	UBLIC SAFETY	1,771,155	
Р	UBLIC SERVICES	4,259,305	
C	COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1,085,290	
R	ECREATIONAL & CULTURAL	691,817	
Т	OTAL EXPENDITURES	25,194,655	
REV	ENUES		
P	ROPERTY TAXES	9,944,100	
В	USINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	179,000	
F	EDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES	1,000,000	
S	TATE GRANTS & REVENUES	4,936,160	
C	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	747,550	
F	INES & FORFEITS	100,000	
I	NTEREST & RENTS	590,090	
0	THER REVENUES	1,704,600	
C	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS	123,751	
N	ON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,517,200	
Т	OTAL REVENUES	20,842,451	
А	<b>PPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	4,352,204	
Т	OTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	25,194,655	
<b>SECTION 3.</b> activity basis, the	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated of	ut of the Major Roads Fund o	
activity basis, the	MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	1,634,710	
	MAJOR ROADS FUND EAFENDITURES	1,054,710	

#### TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE 78,160 **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 284,620 REVENUES 285,220 SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 911 Fund on an activity basis, the following: 911 FUND 271.577 REVENUES 150,530 **APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE** 121,047 **TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE** 271,577 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 140,160 REVENUES 103,000 **APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE** 37,160 TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE 140,160 **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 60.987 REVENUES 11,000 **APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE** 49,987 **TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE** 60,987 **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 1.120.163 REVENUES 968,820 **APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE** 151,343 **TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE** 1,120,163 **SECTION 20.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Opiod Settlement Fund on an activity basis, the following: **Opioid Settlement Fund** 40,000 REVENUES 40,100 **APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE** (100)**TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE** 40,000 **SECTION 21.** 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** REVÊNUES 1,477,260 **APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE** (1,477,260)TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE **SECTION 22.** 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 1,044,875 REVENUES 970,100 **APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE** 74,775 **TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE** 1,044,875

#### **SECTION 23.**

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:
2017 A ECODER ADVINC CADITAL IMPROVEMENT DONING 1 000 1/2

2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	1,088,163
REVENUES	1,129,425

#### **SECTION 24.**

That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Cap	pital Improvement Debt Service Fund
on an activity basis, the following:	
2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	205.580

2014 CALITAL INIT KOVENIENT BOINDS	205,580
REVENUES	205,580

## **SECTION 25.**

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	200,000
REVENUES	80,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	120,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	200,000

60,000

**SECTION 26.** 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 REVENUES

REVENUES	33,000
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	27,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	60,000

**SECTION 27.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Court Building

	AL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	4,352,204 25,194,655	<b>SECTION 27.</b> That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out Construction on an activity basis, the following:	of the Court Building
		, ,	Construction on an activity basis, the following: Court Building Construction	458,490
SECTION 3.	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	e Major Roads Fund on an	REVENUES	5,000
activity basis, the fo	MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	1,634,710	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	453,490
	TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	1,600,000	<b>SECTION 28.</b> TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of th	
	TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND	205,580	Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:	e Leonse construction a
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES REVENUES	3,440,290 2,974,160	ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION	
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	466,130	REVENUES	4,000
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	3,440,290	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	466,000 470,000
SECTION 4.	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	e Local Streets Fund on an		170,000
activity basis, the fo	LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES	2,605,850	<b>SECTION 29.</b> That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of th	e Tax Increment Finance
	REVENUES	2,581,050	Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following: TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION	15,000
	<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	24,800	REVENUES	100
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,605,850	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	14,900
SECTION 5			TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	15,000
<b>SECTION 5.</b> an activity basis, the	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	e Public Safety Fund on	<b>SECTION 30.</b> That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	
un detrity busis, th		17,070,044	Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:	
	REVENUES	17,097,442		9,896,978 5,041,300
SECTION 6.				4,855,678
That for the said fis	cal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Co	enter Fund on an activity		9,896,978
basis, the following		<i>v</i>	<b>SECTION 31.</b> That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	Vahiala and Equipment
	ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER	1,553,250	<b>SECTION 31.</b> That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Fund on an activity basis, the following:	e venicle and Equipment
SECTION 7.	REVENUES	1,553,250	MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	2,337,755
That for the said fis	cal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuati	on Fund on an activity		1,715,410
basis, the following		200	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	622,345 2.337.755
	CEMETERY FUND REVENUES	200 100		2,557,755
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	100	SECTION 32.	
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	200	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:	
SECTION 8.			TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	710,630
	cal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fu	nd on an activity basis,	REVENUES	715,750
the following:	CADLE TELEVICION	240.220	<b>SECTION 33.</b> That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	e Property and Liability
	CABLE TELEVISION REVENUES	340,320 440,040	Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:	te rroperty und Enconity
	REVERUES		PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	650,060
SECTION 9.			REVENUES	655,310
	cal year there is hereby appropriated out of the cal Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:		<b>SECTION 34.</b> That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of t	he Retirement Insurance
Merrinian Road Spe	MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	111,170	Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:	
	REVENUES	98,940		2,523,516 2,735,060
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	12,230	KEVENUES .	2,755,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & AFT KOT KIATED FUND BALANCE	111,170	SECTION 35. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated	out of the Brownfield
SECTION 10.	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	e Street Lighting Fund on	Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following: BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	2,610
an activity basis, the		852 020	BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REVENUES	3,610 5,440
	STREET LIGHTING REVENUES	853,930 842,000		-, -
	<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	11,930	SECTION 36. That for the said finant year there is hereby an manufield out of the Downtown Davalance	ant Anthonite Free 1
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	853,930	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Developm activity basis, the following:	ent Authority Fund on an
SECTION 11.	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	e Oakwood Special	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	887,048
	on an activity basis, the following:	*	REVENUES APPROPRIATION FUND RALANCE	655,870
1	OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	12,500	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	231,178 887,048
	REVENUES	21,110		,
SECTION 12.	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	e Community/Employee	<b>SECTION 37.</b> That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Authority Funda on a satisfit basis the following:	e Tax Increment Finance
Activity Fund on an	activity basis, the following:	10,000	Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following: TIFA DISTRICT II	9,385,220
	COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND REVENUES	10,000 10,770	REVENUES	6,762,100
		,		2,623,120
SECTION 13.	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	e Sanitation Fund on an	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	9,383,220
activity basis, the fo	llowing: SANITATION	1,595,303	SECTION 38.	
	REVENUES	1,545,260	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget ex	
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	50,043	CAPITAL BUDGET 1	1,238,620
	TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,595,303	<b>SECTION 39.</b> That amount budgeted for specific items or purposes and not requir	red to be utilized for
SECTION 14.	That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the	Community Development	such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the	
Block Grants Fund	on an activity basis, the following:		which such allocations are made.	
1	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS REVENUES	78,160 55,000		
	APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	23,160		Continued on Page 3

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**SECTION 40.** 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	0.04083
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500

## **SECTION 41.**

Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

## 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount is hereby appropriated.

\$3.820.890

#### **OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

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

**Res. #23-137** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by Virginia Williams, to adopt a resolution directing the Administration to separate approval of the 34th District Court's budget from the resolution authorizing the General Appropriations Act and Tax Levy for the succeeding fiscal years.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Nays – Talley Motion Carried **Res. #23-138** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to adopt a resolution opposing House Bills 4525, 4527, and 4528. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. Res. #23-139 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Amendments to Ch. 2, Art. VII, Sections 2-409 & 2-410 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. Motion Carried Unanimously
- B. Res. #23-140 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-16 in the amount of \$500,000.00 to recognize the MEDC Sidewalk Grant. Motion Carried Unanimously
- C. Res. #23-141 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-18 in the amount of \$75,000.00 to recognize the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services grant. Motion Carried Unanimously
- D. Res. #23-142 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to approve the Study Session Request for June 5, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the nominees for the Honorary Street Sign Dedication program. Motion Carried Unanimously
- 7. Treasurer's Report Stacy Paige, Treasurer

## 8. Public Comment -

A member of the public addressed the City Council regarding the road conditions on Beverly Road between Middlebelt Rd. and Inkster Rd. and the road conditions inside Sunnyside Acres subdivision.

## 9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes

11. Warrant

A. Res. #23-143 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve Warrant #: 23-09 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,046,448.89.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, WebbNays –WilliamsMotion CarriedB.Res. #23-144 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve Warrant #:

- 23-09E for checks presented in the amount of \$1,835.00. Motion Carried Unanimously
- 12. Communication See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes

### 13. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 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 May 8, 2023.

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