

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 26, 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:** Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb  
**Absent / Excused:** Virginia Williams

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Robert McCraight, Mayor  
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk  
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

**Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

D'Sjonaun Hockenull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Derran Shelby - Deputy Police Chief; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Roger Kadau - Co-Director of Cable

**1. Agenda**

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

**2. Minutes**

A. **Res. #23-176** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - None Abstain - Abdo, Roscoe  
**Motion Carried**

B. **Res. #23-179** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the MEDC Sidewalk Project presentation.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - None Abstain - Abdo, Roscoe  
**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. #23-178** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Horseshoe Club to use the Elmer Johnson Horseshoe Pit on Wednesdays starting June 28, 2023, through September 30, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #23-179** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all Relay for Life activities, as well as the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023, and ending at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2023.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. **Res. #23-180** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all July 14, 2023, Sounds in Downton activities and authorization for the closure of Hunt Street beginning at Bibbins Street and ending at the entrance of the Post Office from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and a road closure of Goddard Road between Shook Road and Sterling Street beginning at 9:00 p.m. and ending at 12:00 a.m. July 15th to ensure the safety of all participants.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

D. **Res. #23-181** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all Pumpkin Festival and Parade of Lights activities during the Pumpkin Festival weekend of September 15 - September 17, 2023.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #23-182** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023, and ending Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. for the Rotary Parade of Lights.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #23-183** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road from Moore Street to east of the Post Office driveway on Saturday, September 16, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and re-opening at 8:00 p.m. for the Pumpkin Festival Car Show and Pumpkin Chuckin competition.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #23-184** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road from Moore Street to east of the Post Office driveway on Sunday, September 17, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and re-opening at 5:00 p.m. for the Motorcycle Shoe and Pumpkin Smash competition.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

E. **Res. #23-185** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and adopt the Annual Community Resolution Accepting Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System in accordance with Wayne County Ordinance requirements for the July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, fiscal year.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

F. **Res. #23-186** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700179 for the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$41,695.00 from Feldman Automotive Group.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #23-187** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700177 for the purchase of three (3) Chevrolet Malibus at a total cost of \$59,853.00 (\$19,951.00 each) from Berger Chevrolet.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

G. **Res. #23-188** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-1 to recognize the \$500,00.00 of revenue and expenditure associated with the second installment payment of the MEDC Sidewalk Grant.

| <u>FUND/DEPT.</u>  | <u>ACCOUNT</u> | <u>CURRENT</u>      | <u>AMENDMENT</u> | <u>AMENDED</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u> | <u>NAME</u>    | <u>FUND BALANCE</u> |                  | <u>BUDGET</u>  |

**General**

**Revenue**

|                        |              |     |              |              |
|------------------------|--------------|-----|--------------|--------------|
| 101-444-567.000-MEDC23 | State Grants | \$- | \$500,000.00 | \$500,000.00 |
|------------------------|--------------|-----|--------------|--------------|

**Expense**

|                        |               |     |              |              |
|------------------------|---------------|-----|--------------|--------------|
| 101-444-567.000-MEDC23 | Project Costs | \$- | \$500,000.00 | \$500,000.00 |
|------------------------|---------------|-----|--------------|--------------|

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

A. **Res. #23-189** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-21 in the amount of \$181,780.00 to recognize forfeiture revenue to purchase new vehicles for the Romulus Police Department.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**

Treasurer Paige reminded residents that city offices will be closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday. She also informed the residents that summer tax bills would be delivered by July 1st and due October 2nd.

**8. Public Comment - None**

**9. Unfinished Business - See the Clerks Office for a complete copy of the Minutes**

**10. New Business - None**

**11. Warrant**

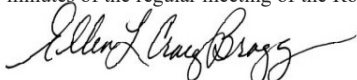
A. **Res. #23-190** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve Warrant #: 23-12 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,646,218.19.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**12. Communication - See the Clerks Office for a complete copy of the Minutes**

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 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 June 26, 2023.



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