

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 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 p.m. 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; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Jeffrey Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Donald Straub - Assistant DPW Director; Roger Kadau - Cable 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. #23-305** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- B. There were no special meeting(s) held on Monday, November 27, 2023.

3. Petitioner - None

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

Res. #23-306 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Willie Hester. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #23-307 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a resolution recognizing the retirement of Derran Shelby. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- 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 - Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes

- A. Councilperson Abdo stepped out of the council chambers at 7:47 p.m.
Res. #23-308 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Keith Johnston to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire on July 31, 2027.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Motion Carried
Councilperson Abdo was not present in the council chambers during the roll call vote.
Res. #23-309 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Craig Greca to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire on August 26, 2027.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Motion Carried
Councilperson Abdo was not present in the council chambers during the roll call vote.
Res. #23-310 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Arianna LeSure to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire on August 26, 2027.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Motion Carried
Councilperson Abdo was not present in the council chambers during the roll call vote.
- B. **Res. #23-311** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the contract with GEM Industrial, Inc. for 463 hour soft preventative maintenance for filters and belts for all City facilities (excluding the RAC under separate contract), 96 hours of troubleshooting software, hardware needs as required, and \$2,500.00 material allowance to address nuisance repairs to eliminate call back charges at a total price of \$96,100.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- C. **Res. #23-312** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Rochester Hills cooperative contract RFP-RH-20-023 for the purchase of one (1) 2023 M2 106 Plus Conventional Freightliner Chassis from Wolverine Freightliner with extended warranty for a total cost of \$109,457.00.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
Res. #23-313 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and consent to MiDeal Contract #07B7700086 for the purchase of the Crysteel 14' Select Dump Body and upfitting the chassis from Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. for a total cost of \$59,785.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

- A. **Res. #23-314** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-9 in the amount of \$22,606.00 for additional funding needed for two (2) part-time staff members for the Recreation Department through FY24.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- B. **Res. #23-315** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-10 in the amount of \$19,200.00 for additional funding needed for one (1) part-time IT staff member through FY 24.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- C. **Res. #23-316** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and reappoint Reverend Edward Thomas Jr. to the Romulus Board of Review with a term commencing on January 1, 2024, and expiring on December 31, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

8. Public Comment - None

9. Unfinished Business - None

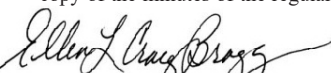
10. New Business - None

11. Communication - Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes

12. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 4, 2023.


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