

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 1111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem John Barden called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent / Excused: William Wadsworth, Eva Webb

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

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

Attorney; Jennifer Madison - Assistant Technology Services Director; Kevin Losen - H.R. Director

1. Agenda

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes

A. **Res. #23-317** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. **Res. #23-318** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting-Study Session held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - **Kathy Abdo**, John Barden, **Celeste Roscoe**, **Tina Talley** Abstain - **Virginia Williams** **Motion Carried**

3. Petitioner

A. **Res. #23-319** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the 2024 Annual MLK Day Community March on January 15, 2024, and the closure of Wick Road from Ozga Street to Tobine Rd. and the closure of Tobine Road to the Romulus High School for the march.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. **Res. #23-320** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to vacate the entire east-west alley in the Detroit Industrial Center Subdivision, South of Ecorse Rd. between Craig Ave. and Elmview Ave. abutting Lots 13 to 19 inclusive, Lots 20 to 22, Lots 23-25 inclusive, the east and west 1/2 of Lots 26 to 36 inclusive, and Lots 131 to 141 inclusive, located in the N.W. 1/4 Section 8 of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, retaining all utility easements of record and a 12-foot utility easement. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

C. **Res. #23-321** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to vacate the entire north-south alley in the Osberg Airport Estates Subdivision, West of Loraine Ave., South of Lorman Ave. to terminus, abutting Lots 120 to 127, located in the S.W. 1/4 Section 13 of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, retaining all utility easements of record and a 12-foot utility easement.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

State Representative Dylan Wegela addressed the City Council and gave a district update on the recent actions of the State legislature.

Res. #23-322 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the recommendation of the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a newly ratified collective bargaining agreement between the City of Romulus and the Police Officers Labor Council of Michigan, replacing the previous agreement which expired on June 30, 2023. The new ratified agreement is to be effective July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2028. **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

A. **Res. #23-323** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 01-152 for the purchase of Barracuda cloud-based management tools for email security from Zones, LLC., at a total cost of \$29,232.00 with an annual subscription for the life of the product or until such time the City no longer wishes to participate or budget for this expenditure. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Res. #23-324 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Brian Smith. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

A. **Res. #23-325** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. for the Audit Presentation by Plante Moran. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - None

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

A. **Res. #23-326** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 23-23 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,650,862.84. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

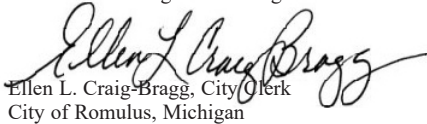
12. Communication - Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

13. Adjournment

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, 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 December 11, 2023.


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