



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 27, 2025

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.

Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, David Jones, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance: Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance: Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff, Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk, Julie Albert, City Assessor, Colleen Duman, Director of Recreation
Patty Braden, Librarian, Chief Ken Chapman, RFD

1. Agenda

1A.Moved by **Harry Crout**, seconded by **David Jones**, for Approval of the Agenda.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

2A.Res. #25-306 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

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

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4A. Res. #25-307 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to adopt a resolution recognizing Pastor Mario Smith on his third church anniversary at the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4B. Res. #25-308 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to adopt a resolution recognizing Pastor Jesse Charles on his 10-year pastoral anniversary and 75th birthday.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4C. Res. #25-309 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to adopt a resolution congratulating Councilman John Barden on his retirement after 20 years of service on the Romulus City Council.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4D. Res. #25-310 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones**, to adopt a memorial resolution for Gerry Frederick.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4E. Res. #25-311 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to adopt a memorial resolution for Gordon Silvey.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor

5A.Res. #25-312 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve and concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all 2025 Tree Lighting activities on December 5, 2025, as well as the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 4:30 p.m. and re-opening at 8:00 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5B. Res. #25-313 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve and concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 25/26-8 to cover costs associated with the reimbursement of the Welch Packaging Brownfield Agreement (PAC Spec) per Council Resolution #15-349.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURREN T BALANC E	AMENDME NT	AMENDED BUDGET
243 Brownfield-Pack Spec				
Expense 243-000-818.000	Contractual Services	500	211,419.31	211,419.31
Fund Balance 243-000-390.000	Fund Balance	245,400	(211,419)	33,981

Motion Carried Unanimously

5C. Res. #25-314 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve and concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-9 to cover the grant match of \$201,000 and additional allowable Capital Outlay expenses.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u> <u>NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BALANCE</u>	<u>AMENDMEN</u> <u>T</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
243 Brownfield-Pack Spec				
<u>Expense</u> 284-000-971.000	Capital Outlay	201,000		201,000
Fund Balance 243-000-390.000	Fund Balance	201,000	(201,000)	

Motion Carried Unanimously

5D. Res. #25-315 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve and concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-10 to recognize revenue from Federal FEMA AFG Grant for Life Savings Equipment.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u> <u>NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BALANCE</u>	<u>AMENDMEN</u> <u>T</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
205-336	Public Safety Fire			
<u>Expense</u> 205-336-971.000	Capital Outlay		544,122	544,122
<u>Revenue</u> 205-336-501.336	Federal Grant FEMA AFG		544,122	544,122

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report

The City Clerk announced that the Cemetery Board of Trustees will conduct a cemetery cleanup on Saturday, November 1, and Sunday, November 2.; The Clerk also provided information on early voting hours and reminded voters with absentee ballots to return them by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

6A. Res. #25-316 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-2 for the amount of \$50,000 to cover costs associated with the repair of Ecorse Creek Drains and recognized State Grant Revenue.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6B. Res. #25-317 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-3 in the amount of \$1,524,596.00 to cover costs associated with the annual DUWA bond payments and interest expense.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6C. Res. #25-318 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-4 for \$20,000.00 to cover costs associated with the annual claims expense.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6D. Res. #25-319 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-6 for \$291,000.00 to cover the increase in cost for the single hauler collection and disposal program.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6E. Res. #25-320 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 25/26-7 for 28,000.00 to cover CLEMIS maintenance and membership costs for computer-aided dispatching.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6F. Res. #25-321 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of TA-2025- 002; a proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article 11, Use Standards, Section 11.07, Vehicle Uses of the Romulus Zoning Ordinance.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6G. Res. #25-322 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments to Chapter 58 - Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article IV - Secondhand Automobile Business, Sec. 58-288, Definition, and Sec. 58-289, Requirements for buildings and premises, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinance.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6H. Res. #25-323 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments of TA-2025-003; a proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article 17, Site Plan Review Requirements &

Procedures, Section 17.03(e) Final Approval of Conditionally Approved Site Plan and (j) expiration of Approved Site Plan of the Romulus Zoning Ordinance.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6I. Res. #25-324 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve and concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and appoint Reverend John Cole to the Romulus Board of Review with a term to begin on January 1, 2026, and expire on December 31, 2027, pursuant to MCL 211.28.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6J. Res. #25-325 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the scheduling of a Special Meeting – Study Session for Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss further the necessary steps based on the report received from the Department of Public Works.

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

For Your Information: Quarterly Investment Report

Gray Lepley, Senior Director, PFM Asset Management, presented the Investment Performance Review for the Quarter ended June 30, 2025.

8. Public Comment - A resident expressed gratitude to Mayor Pro Tem John Barden and the City Council for their dedication and hard work.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

11. Warrant

11A. Res. #25-326 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Approval of Warrant #: 25-20 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,011,585.52.

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Abdo commented on the Rotary Club Food Box.

Councilwoman Roscoe commented on the government shutdown and announced the Forgotten Harvest Program and Helping Hands.

Councilwoman Talley commented on previous community events she attended.

Councilman Wadsworth commented on the Veterans Memorial Monument and the upcoming election.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:39 pm.

Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 27, 2025.



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