



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 26, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Pro Tem Tina Talley

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, David Jones, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Mark Wilhide

Absent / Excused: David Bullok

Councilman Bullock was not present during roll call but joined the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; David Greco - City Attorney; Jerry Frayer - DDA Director & Economic Development Liaison; Gary Harris, Deputy Financial Services Director; Christina Parker, Purchasing Director; Patty Braden, Librarian.

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve the Agenda.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Public Comment - FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- A. **Res. No #26-130** Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.
- B. **Res. No #26-131** Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting — Public Hearing held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments or objections to the proposed 2026/27 FY Budget for the City of Romulus as set forth in Ch. 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter.
- C. **Res. No #26-132** Approval of a Study Session Request for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.
- D. **Res. No #26-133** Approval of a Study Session Request for Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. to present information about the 5-Points Roundabout Project.

4. Discussion - Items removed from Consent Agenda - None

5. **Petitioner - None**
6. **Chairperson's Report, Tina Talley, Mayor Pro-Tem**
 - A. Boards & Commissions Update - *See Clerks Office for complete set of Minutes*
 - B. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones**, to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
7. **Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**

The Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko, presented the Mayor's Report.

 - A. **Res. No. #26-134** Moved by **Mark Wilhide**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy authorization for the City of Romulus for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027; provided, however, that the appropriation for the 34th District Court shall be in the amount of \$3,979,970.00 rather than the amount proposed in the submitted budget materials.

CITY OF ROMULUS GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

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, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount is hereby appropriated.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$4,179,970
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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, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 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, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

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COUNCIL	134,260
MAYOR	1,142,270
CLERK	1,124,380
FINANCIAL SERVICES	14,428,780
TREASURER	1,128,450
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,432,700

PUBLIC SERVICES	4,913,050
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	119,030
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL	2,114,160
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,537,080

REVENUES

PROPERTY TAXES	11,214,000
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,553,400
FEDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES	32,500
STATE GRANTS & REVENUES	4,940,700
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	533,850
FINES & FORFEITS	100,000
INTEREST & RENTS	1,000,000
OTHER REVENUES	2,178,990
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS	66,500
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	510,000
TOTAL REVENUES	22,129,940
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	5,407,140
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	27,537,080

SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

202 MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	1,609,930
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	1,412,400
TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND	112,400
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	3,134,730
REVENUES	3,337,100

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

203 LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES	4,193,320
REVENUES	4,739,570

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the

Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

205 PUBLIC SAFETY FUND EXPENDITURES	<u>20,421,648</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	1,131,113
REVENUES	<u>19,290,535</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>20,421,648</u>

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

208 ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER FUND EXPENDITURES	<u>3,131,931</u>
REVENUES	<u>3,134,945</u>

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

209 CEMETERY FUND	<u></u>
REVENUES	<u>200</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u></u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>-</u>

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

211 CABLE TELEVISION	<u>363,200</u>
REVENUES	<u>265,000</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	98,200
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>363,200</u>

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

218 MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	<u>117,350</u>
REVENUES	<u>166,500</u>

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

219 STREET LIGHTING	<u>751,700</u>
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REVENUES	<u>837,500</u>
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SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following:

225 COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND	<u>15,000</u>
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REVENUES	<u>42,000</u>
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SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

226 SANITATION FUND EXPENDITURES	<u>2,044,920</u>
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REVENUES	<u>1,906,780</u>
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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>138,140</u>
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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>2,044,920</u>
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SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

245 OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	<u>8,700</u>
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REVENUES	<u>-</u>
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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>8,700</u>
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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>8,700</u>
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SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

252 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS	<u>23,180</u>
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REVENUES	<u>20,000</u>
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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>3,180</u>
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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>23,180</u>
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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:

260 MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	<u>329,700</u>
REVENUES	<u>330,500</u>

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

261 9 1 1 FUND	<u>178,240</u>
REVENUES	<u>131,930</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	46,310
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>178,240</u>

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

265 STATE FORFEITURE FUND	<u>5,200</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,000</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	4,200
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>5,200</u>

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

266 FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	<u>310,872</u>
REVENUES	<u>25,000</u>
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	285,872
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>310,872</u>

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following:

271 MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	<u>1,238,940</u>
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REVENUES

1,274,610

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Opioid Settlement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

284 OPIOID SETTLEMENT

40,000

REVENUES

40,500

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vetrans Trust fund on an activity basis, the following:

294 VETERAN'S TRUST FUND

500

REVENUES

600

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:

305 2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

983,750

REVENUES

983,750

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:

306 2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

976,250

REVENUES

1,015,850

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

352 2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

112,400

REVENUES

112,400

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:

389 SEWER DEBT SERVICE	<u>200,000</u>
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REVENUES	<u>75,000</u>
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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>125,000</u>
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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>200,000</u>
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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:

396 WATER DEBT SERVICE	<u>60,000</u>
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REVENUES	<u>30,000</u>
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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>30,000</u>
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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>60,000</u>
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SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Court Building Construction on an activity basis, the following:

482 COURT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	<u>92,810</u>
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REVENUES	<u>30,000</u>
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APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	<u>62,810</u>
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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>92,810</u>
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SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Ecorse Construction & Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:

403 ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION	<u>500</u>
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REVENUES	<u>30,000</u>
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SECTION 29. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

495 TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION	<u>-</u>
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REVENUES	<u>600</u>
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SECTION 30. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

592 SEWER AND WATER	<u>21,432,176</u>
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REVENUES	17,919,020
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	3,513,156
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	21,432,176

SECTION 31. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

661

MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	2,982,113
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REVENUES	2,309,320
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	672,793
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,982,113

SECTION 32. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

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TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	1,004,970
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REVENUES	1,113,030
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SECTION 33 . That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

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PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	664,730
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REVENUES	669,200
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SECTION 34. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

676 RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS

2,380,900

REVENUES	3,372,310
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SECTION 35. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

**243 BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

2,590

REVENUES	68,480
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SECTION 36. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

248 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	873,900
REVENUES	706,940
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	166,960
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	873,900

SECTION 37. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

247 TIFA DISTRICT	16,285,290
REVENUES	12,711,310
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	3,573,980
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	16,285,290

SECTION 38. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	19,988,500
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SECTION 39. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

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	0.03250
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	1.0000
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.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Res. No. #26-135** Moved by **Mark Wilhide**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the DPW to auction the following equipment on Govdeals.com, with the buyer to pay a 12.50% fee to Govdeals per vehicle, with all other proceeds going to the appropriate City fund.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- C. Res. No. #26-136** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #240000001207 for the purchase of one (1) 2025 Chevrolet Traverse AWD LT Utility vehicle in the amount of \$39,718.00 from Todd Wenzel Chevrolet.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- D. Res. No. #26-137** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the TIPS Periscope Holdings Contract #230105 and enter into a three-year contract for bid solicitation development, electronic evaluation, and contract management services at a total cost of \$23,643.75 and authorize continued use and renewal of this agreement beyond the initial term, provided funds are budgeted annually and/or the platform remains operational and supported by the vendor (end of life).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8. Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

- A. Res. No. #26-138** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Election Commission and adopt the attached resolution establishing Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located at 35565 Beverly Rd., as a temporary polling location for Precinct 8, and the Thomas J. Coleman Community Center, located at 35351 Beverly Rd.) as a temporary polling location for Precinct 9 for the August 4, 2026, Primary Election pursuant to MCL 168.662(6) of the Michigan Election Law.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Bullock, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Wilhide
Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

9. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer *See Clerks Office for complete set of Minutes*

10. Public Comment -

Three members of the public requested to speak on the DHS Lawsuit / ICE Detention Center.

11. Unfinished Business – None

12. New Business - None

13. Warrant

- A. Res. No. #26-139** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve the Warrant #: 26-10 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,678,767.63.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

14. Communication - None

15. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 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 May 26, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ellen L. Craig-Bragg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ellen" being the most prominent.

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