



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2026

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

Mayor Pro Tem Tina Talley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; David Greco - City Attorney; D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy City Clerk; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Development & Safety; Roberto Scappaticci - Director of Public Services & DPW; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Gary Harris - Deputy Finance Director; Jeff Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Stephen Dudek - Technology Services Director; Robert Pfannes - Police Chief

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the amended agenda removing Item 8A from the Clerk's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

2. Public Comment - FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A resident and a business owner addressed the City Council in opposition to the Pilot Travel Center development.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- A. **Res. #26-140** To approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

4. Discussion - Items removed from Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

5. Petitioner

- A. **Res. #26-141** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve PDA-2020-001; Fairways at Gateway amended Preliminary PDA Site Plan and 2nd Amendment to the PDA Agreement subject to finalization and execution of the PDA Agreement by the City Attorney. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
Res. #26-142 Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve SPR-2026-004; The Bluffs at Gateway Preliminary Condominium Plan Amendment subject to the conditions of the Planning Commission and ARC. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #26-143** Moved by **James Bullock**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the Planning Commission's findings and approve the first reading of the conditional rezoning request for RZ-2024-001; Pilot Travel Center to rezoning 25.53 acres located at 10250 Vining Road, from M-2, General Industrial to M-T, Industrial Transportation for the purpose of developing a truck stop, subject to:

1. Finalization and execution of the Conditional Rezoning Agreement by the City Attorney;

2. Special land use approval for a truck stop;
 3. Revised site plan approval by ARC (Administrative Review Committee)
- Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Bullock, Jones, Talley, Wilhide Nays - Abdo, Roscoe, Wadsworth
Motion Carried.

Res. #26-144 Moved by **James Bullock**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the Planning Commission's findings and approve the Special Land Use request to allow a truck stop for SLU-2024-002; Pilot Travel Center subject to:

1. City Council approval of the Conditional Rezoning and associated Conditional Rezoning Agreement dated April 21, 2026, or as amended;
2. Waivers from the following:
 - a. Section 11.07(b)(5): Truck Stop Access Drives to allow 2 driveways;
 - b. Section 11.07(b)(5): Truck Stop Access Drives to allow the south driveway to be wider than 30' (61' proposed) conditioned up the driveway then being narrowed as recommended by OHM;
 - c. Section 13.04(g): Sidewalk and Non-Motorized Pathways to allow payment in lieu of construction of approximately 875' of sidewalk along the northern portion of Vining Road in the amount of \$65,625 (minus the estimate of the offsite improvements at Goddard Road as reviewed and approved by the City Engineer) in return for the applicant's installation of pedestrian facilities up to a crossing at Goddard Road and connecting to the site; and
 - d. Section 13.02(c): Greenbelt Landscaping Adjacent to Street Frontage to waive 3'-4' berm along the northern portion of Vining Road due to the County Drain.
3. Site plan approval subject to a revised site plan addressing all outstanding comments as noted by the Planning Commission and other agencies and departments.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Bullock, Jones, Talley, Wilhide Nays - Abdo, Roscoe, Wadsworth
Motion Carried.

Res. #26-145 Moved by **James Bullock**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to enter into the Community Benefits Agreement with Vining Road Investment LLC and the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Bullock, Jones, Talley, Wilhide Nays - Abdo, Roscoe, Wadsworth
Motion Carried.

6. Chairperson's Report, Tina Talley, Mayor Pro-Tem

- A. Boards & Commissions Updates - None
- 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

- A. **Res. #26-146** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the Administration and adopt the Amendment #6 to the Water Service Contract between Great Lakes Water Authority and the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #26-147** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the MDOT Contract #26-5252 between the City of Romulus and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the installation, maintenance, and operation of a gateway sign in the median of Merriman Road, north of I-94. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. **Res. #26-148** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and award Bid ITB 25/26-23 to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder, Pizzo Development Group, LLC., for DPW yard clean up cubic yard pricing for debris hauling at a cost not to exceed \$10,500.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- D. **Res. #26-149** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 01-152 for the purchase of a replacement Dell Data Domain from Zones, Inc. for a total cost of \$48,800.00. This purchase will include five (5) years of support and authorize ongoing replacement and/or required upgrades of the Dell Data

Domain Infrastructure until it is no longer budgeted for or until end of life for the equipment.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #26-150** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #122123-DEM to purchase one (1) DEMERS MXP170E Type I Ambulance from MacQueen Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$359,997.00.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. **Res. #26-151** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Resolution authorizing its Tax Increment Bond, Series 2026 (Limited Tax General Obligation) in the aggregate principal amount of \$45,000,000.00 to pay the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new public safety headquarters.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- G. **Res. #26-152** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-15 to cover costs associated with the repair of parking lot and roof at the Municipal Annex (former 34th District Court).

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
211-000 Cable				
<u>Expense</u> 211-000-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$284,500.00	\$322,210.00	\$606,710.00
<u>Fund Balance</u> 211-000-376.000	Fund Balance	\$1,404,352.00	\$322,210.00	\$1,082,142.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- H. **Res. #26-153** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-19 to recognize revenue that was received in the Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
General				
<u>Fund Balance</u> 266-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$-	\$206,560.00	\$206,560.00
<u>Expense</u> 266-301-505.001	Fed. FFT. Funds Revenue	\$-	\$206,560.00	\$206,560.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- I. **Res. #26-154** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-20 to increase expenses associated with the MIDC program in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
General				
<u>Expense</u> 260-000-817.000	Contractual Svcs.	\$225,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$310,000.00

<u>Revenue</u>	State Grant –			
260-000-539.286	MIDC Reimb.	\$225,260.00	\$85,000.00	\$310,260.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #26-155 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a resolution in recognition of years of service for David Allison. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #26-156 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a resolution in recognition of years of service for John Thiede. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

A. Agenda amended – item removed

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

10. Public Comment

A business owner addressed the City Council regarding grant funding allocations for small businesses.
Two members of the public addressed the City Council in support of the Wayne Co. Transportation Millage.
The community liaison for the Wayne Co. Sheriff's Office addressed the City Council.
A resident addressed the City Council regarding morals and conduct.
A resident addressed the City Council regarding Chubby Checker.
Members of the Fire Department addressed the City Council thanking them for their continued support for public safety.

11. Unfinished Business

The Mayor responded to comments from residents.

12. New Business - None

13. Warrant

Res. #26-157 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve Warrant #: 26-11 for checks presented in the amount of \$778,185.01. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

14. Communication - None

15. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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 June 8, 2026.



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