



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

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

Absent / Excused: None

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

- A. **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**

- B. There were no special meetings (s) held on Monday, October 13, 2025.

3. Petitioner

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

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

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**

Res. #25-310 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones**, to adopt a memorial resolution for Jerry Frederick. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- A. 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**

- B. 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.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BALANCE</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
243 Brownfield-Pack Spec				
<u>Expense</u> 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

- C. 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. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BALANCE</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED 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

- D. 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. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BALANCE</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED 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 – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

- A. **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**
- B. **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**
- C. **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**
- D. **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**
- E. **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**
- F. **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**
- G. **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**
- H. **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**
- I. **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
- J. **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**
 - A. **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**
 - A. **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 (*See Clerks Office for Complete Copy of Minutes*)

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