



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 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

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; David Greco - City Attorney; D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Roberto Scappaticci - Director of Public Services & DPW; David Heavner - Fire Chief; Jeff Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Carol Maise - City Planner; Jennifer Madison - Deputy Technology Services Director; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communication & Community Service; Jessica Katers - City Engineer/OHM Advisors

1. Agenda

- A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Public Comment - FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Two (2) residents addressed the City Council in opposition to the rezoning of the Merriman Schools parcel.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Moved by **Mark Wilhide**, seconded by **James Bullock** to approve the Consent Agenda and remove item 3F for discussion.

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

- A. **Res. #26-082** To approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.
- B. **Res. #26-083** To approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive/Closed Session held on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss attorney/client communications; and the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held at 6:45 p.m. to discuss a proposed alley vacation in the Osberg's Airport Estates Subdivision.
- C. **Res. #26-084** To concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson's Park pavilion on August 8, 2026, for First Baptist Church Annual Family and Fun Day.
- D. **Res. #26-085** To concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson's Park Horseshoe Pits by the Horseshoe Club on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m. starting May 6, 2026, through September 16, 2026.
- E. **Res. #26-086** To concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson's Park by the Romulus Middle School for their End of the Year 8th Grade Picnic on Friday, June 5, 2026.
- F. *Removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

4. Discussion - Items removed from Consent Agenda

Item 3F was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion under this section.

Res. #26-087 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration to re-appoint Maria Lambert, Julie Wojtylko, Cynthia Keleman, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Lynn Conway, and

Anne Lammers to the Romulus Arts Council and Commission with all terms to expire on November 11, 2027. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

5. Petitioner

A. RZ-2025-003; Merriman School - Romulus Self Storage

Res. #26-088 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Planning Commission’s findings and approve the first reading and introduction to the conditional rezoning request for RZ-2025-003; Merriman School – Romulus Self Storage to rezone 12.88 acres of a 25.25-acre site at 15303 Merriman Road (Parcel ID #80-138-99-0005-000 and #80-138-99-0006-000), from R1-A, Single Family Residential to M-1, Light Industrial for the purpose of redeveloping the former Merriman School to a self-storage facility with industrial flex space and moving van and small truck rentals subject to the conditions imposed by the Planning Commission and finalization and execution of the Conditional Zoning Agreement by the City Attorney. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

Res. #26-089 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with Legal Counsel and Human Resources and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement - Letter of Understanding dated March 23, 2026 - with Teamsters Local 214. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #26-090 Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of John Ryan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #26-091 Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution in recognition of Ellen Craig-Bragg as the Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 39th Person of the Year. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

A. Boards and Commission 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. #26-092** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and adopt the Grant Agreement between Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity and the City of Romulus for the award of \$1,000,000.00 for the purchase of a fire apparatus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #26-093** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 01-152 for the purchases of Microsoft Office 365 and Exchange Licenses from Zones Inc. for a total cost of \$31,416.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #26-094 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the Administration and consent to the continued annual purchase of Microsoft Office Software licenses and maintenance for the life of the product or until it is no longer budgeted. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. **Res. #26-095** Moved by **Mark Wilhide**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and approve Change Order #5 regarding the ongoing East Ramp repair project at City Hall in the amount of \$34,965.00 (this includes a \$2,764.00 contingency) which will cover all labor, materials, and supervision required to stabilize and support the bridge slab. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

D. **Res. #26-096** Moved by **David Jones**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-16 to cover costs associated with the purchase of a Ford Bronco and Media/Cable Pick-up Truck.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
211-000 Cable				
Expense				
211-000-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$-	\$104,500.00	\$104,500.00

Fund Balance 211-000-376.00	Fund Balance	\$1,224,527.00	\$104,500.00	\$1,120,027.00
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Motion Carried Unanimously

- E. **Res. #26-097** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 25/26-17 to cover expenses for DPW software, city hall heating and cooling, and city hall east ramp.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
101-265/101-441 GF Bldg & Ground				
Expense				
101-441-751.000	Software	\$2,680.00	\$17,000.00	\$19,680.00
101-265-932.000	Heating & Cooling	\$109,660.00	\$70,000.00	\$179,660.00
101-265-959.000	Contingencies	\$8,100.00	\$40,000.00	\$48,100.00
Fund Balance				
101-000-390.000	Fund Balance	\$1,224,527.00	\$127,000.00	\$12,670,191.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. FYI - Emergency Purchase: Senior Center Replacement Refrigerators

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

- A. **Res. #26-098** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and appoint Jeff Kotlarek as an alternate member to the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to expire on June 30, 2028, in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110 of 2006. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #26-099** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Mark Wilhide** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the rezoning, special land use, and site plan for Pilot Travel Center, located at 10250 Vining Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. **Res. #26-100** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **James Bullock** to postpone the Second Reading & Final Adoption of RZ-2025-004 Condition Rezoning Request from Bradford Airport Logistics for a minimum of 30 days. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

9. Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer – See the Clerks Office for complete copy of the Minutes

10. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council regarding health and safety issues in her home.

11. Unfinished Business See the Clerks Office for complete copy of the Minutes

12. New Business - NONE

13. Warrant

- A. **Res. #26-101** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve Warrant #: 26-07 for checks presented in the amount of \$3,333,434.68. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

14. Communication See the Clerks Office for complete copy of the Minutes

Res. #26-102 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mark LaVeque. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

15. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **David Jones** to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 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 April 13, 2026.



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