

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING July 14, 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:

Robert McCraight, Mayor Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Roberto Scappaticci - Director of Public Services.

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones**, to approve the Agenda. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

2. Minutes

A. Res. 25-192 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley **Abstain -** Wadsworth **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. Res. 25-193 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for a follow-up presentation from the Romulus Community Schools on their Building and Site Bond Proposal.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Jones, Roscoe, Talley Abstain - Wadsworth Motion Carried Unanimously

- **3. Petitioner** None
- 4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

Res. 25-194 Moved by Harry Crout, seconded by William Wadsworth, to adopt a memorial resolution for John Clark. Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. 25-195 Moved by Harry Crout, seconded by William Wadsworth, to adopt a memorial resolution for Chuck Lindenmuth. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

1. Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor See Clerk's Office for complete copy of MinRemulus City Council
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Res. 25-196 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe, to adopt a memorial

resolution for Luke Joyce. Motion Carried Unanimously

- **B.** Res. 25-197 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo, to approve and concur with the administration to appoint Jeanine Barron to the Cemetery Board of Trustees with a term to expire November 1, 2026. Motion Carried Unanimously
- C. Res. 25-198 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Harry Crout to approve and to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached agreement between the City of Romulus and the State of Michigan for the resurfacing of Ozga Road between Huron River Drive and Wick Roads at a cost of \$222,819.00. Motion Carried Unanimously
- **D. Res. 25-199** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve and concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700178 MiDeal Special #0073-4WDL with Todd Wenzel Chevrolet for the purchase of one (1) 2024 GMC Sierra 1500 Double Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck with a spray on bedliner and rustproof undercoating at a total cost of \$44,539.00 for the Department of Public Works. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- E. Res. 25-200 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to approve and concur with the administration and adopt the attached Resolution to Oppose Renewal and Expansion of Wayne Disposal, Inc. License with Michigan Department of Environmental Great Lakes & Energy.

 Motion Carried Unanimously
- F. Res. 25-201 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley, to approve and concur with the administration and adopt the resolution in opposition to Senate Bill 319.
 Motion Carried Unanimously
- 5. Clerk's Report Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
 - **A. Res. 25-202** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout**, to approve the second reading and final adoption of budget amendment 24/25-19 in the amount of \$134,570.00 to recover health insurance rate increase, dental insurance, and staffing changes for FY 24/25. This amendment was introduced at the 6/23/25 Council Meeting. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - **B.** Res. 25-203 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by David Jones, to approve a Special Meeting 30-minute Study Session Request for Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and finalize a council vacancy procedure/policy. Motion Carried Unanimously
 - **Res. 25-204** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones** to approve and schedule a public hearing, in accordance with Chapter 14 Section 14.2 of the Romulus City Charter, for Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. to hear comments or objections to the street vacation of Cypress Road located north of Ecorse Rd and west of Metroplex drive. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - C. Res. 25-205 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth, to approve the Application for Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Detroit Airport Hotel Limited Partnership III (8500 Wickham Road).

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth **Nays -** Abdo, Crout **Motion Carried**

Res. 25-206 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley, to approve an exemption, under Public Act 255 of 1978, of the Application for Commercial Facilities Certificate beginning January 1, 2026, for Detroit Airport Hotel Limited Partnership III (8500 Wickham Road) for (7) seven years.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Jones, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth Nays - Abdo, Crout Motion Carried

7. Public Comment

- A resident commented on the study session scheduled to discuss procedures to fill the vacant council seats. The resident also commented on the Commercial Facilities Exemption approved for Detroit Airport Hotel Limited Partnership III, (8500 Wickham Road).
- A resident commented on the overgrown foliage and weeds on her property.
- **8. Unfinished Business** *See the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes*
- 9. New Business
- 10. Warrant
 - **A. Res. 25-207** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** for Approval of Warrant #25-13 for checks presented in the amount of \$3,171,748.80. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- 11. Communication See the Clerk's Office for compete copy of Minutes
- 12. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 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 July 14, 2025.

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