

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 27, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**Present:** Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

**Absent / Excused:**

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Robert McCraight, Mayor

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk

**Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety and Development;

Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director

## 1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to accept the Agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 2. Minutes

A. **Res. #23-041** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #23-042** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the design details for the proposed Veteran's Memorial Park and alternative details to restore the former Veteran's Memorial Monument on the City Municipal Complex.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 3. Petitioner - None

## 4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 5. Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor -

Mayor McCraight addressed the news reports regarding the toxic chemical waste from the East Palestine crash site being dumped into an injection well in the city.

A resident commented on the injection well in the city and the safety data sheets required for accepting hazardous materials.

A resident commented on the transportation of hazardous materials in the city.

A resident inquired about violations of the special land use variance for the injection well site.

State Senator Darrin Camilleri thanked the Council, Mayor, and his administration for their leadership in fighting against the injection well for many years and spelled out a plan of action and accountability.

A. **Res. #23-043** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the DPW to dispose of the listed vehicle to be auctioned on govdeals.com with the buyer to pay 12.50% fee to govdeals per vehicle with all proceeds going to the appropriate City fund. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #23-044** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Romulus to resurface Huron River Drive between Pennsylvania Road and Eureka Road with a local match in the amount of 20% (\$221682.00). **Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. **Res. #23-045** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the grant contract between Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the City of Romulus, which will provide funding to support the costs of performing repairs to sidewalk infrastructure within the City. These repairs will include sidewalk systems in the Romulus Urban Renewal neighborhood, between Van Born and Wick Roads, and between Van Born and Beverly Roads, as well as bringing existing pathways from Wick Road to Smith Road, establishing compliance with the Americans with Disability Act.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

A. **Res. #23-046** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve a one-hour and fifteen-minute study session request for Monday, April 3, 2023, and Monday, April 10, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the proposed 2023-24 City Budgets.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #23-047** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to schedule a public hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #23-048** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

## 8. Public Comment - None

## 9. Unfinished Business - None

## 10. New Business - None

## 11. Warrant

A. **Res. #23-049** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve Warrant #: 23-04 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,439,330.26.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams

**Motion Carried**

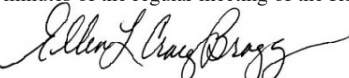
## 12. Communication - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

## 13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 27, 2023.



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