

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 7, 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, Virginia Williams

**Absent / Excused:** Eva Webb

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk

**Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney; 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. #23-210** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - None Abstain - Williams  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **There were no special meetings(s) held on Monday, July 24, 2023.**

**3. Petitioner**

A. Cortney Seale appeared before the Council and formally made his request to approve the Block Party for Sunday, September 3, 2023.

**Res. #23-211** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to approve the Block Party Request for Sunday, September 3, 2023, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and the closing of Canterbury Drive at Concorde Drive and Sussex Drive at Surrey Drive for the stated event.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Petitioner:** Coralee Gelormino; Ashley Capital Project Impact

Coralee Gelormino addressed the City Council regarding the Ashley Capital project between Wick Rd. and Ecorse Rd.

The Council took no action.

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

**Res. #23-212** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to adopt a resolution to terminate the HVAC contract with Campbell Inc.

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Res. #23-213** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to adopt a resolution to waive bidding requirements of the City Purchasing Ordinance and to authorize the Administration to negotiate an HVAC contract for maintenance of City-owned equipment with GEM Services Rudolph Libbe Group. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth Nays - Williams

**Motion Carried.**

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**

A. **Res. #23-214** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to concur with the Administration and adopt the Settlement Agreement and General Release between the City of Romulus and Blue Ribbon Contracting, Inc. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #23-215** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700180 for the purchase of a 2023 Ford F250 Super Cab 4x4 Pickup at a cost of \$50,808.00 from Lunghamer Ford.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. **Res. #23-216** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-2 to cover the capital improvement project as approved by the Library Board on July 17, 2023.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
271 Library				
<b>Fund Balance</b>	Fund Balance	\$513,407.00	\$(448,200).00	\$65,207.00
271-790-390.000				

<b>Expense</b>				
271-790-970.000	Capital Outlay	\$90,390.00	\$448,200.00	\$538,590.00

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

A. **Res. #23-217** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption to Amendments to Ch. 26, Article I, Section 26-3, Permanent Structure and mobile food service, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #23-218** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Study Session Request for Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a proposed charter amendment. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

**8. Public Comment**

A resident addressed the City Council regarding back taxes owed by a business and a comment made by a council member at a previous meeting.

Two residents addressed the City Council regarding truck traffic on Wick Road.

Two residents addressed the City Council regarding the public's responsibility in holding their elected officials accountable.

A resident addressed the City Council regarding parks in the City.

**9. Unfinished Business** - Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

**10. New Business** - Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

**11. Communication** - Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 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 August 7, 2023.



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