

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 11, 2023

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, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

**Absent / Excused:** Eva Webb

### Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

### Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Roger Kadau - Co-Director of Cable

## 1. Agenda

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

## 2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #23-243** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #23-244** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss a ballot proposal to amend Chapter 6, Section 6.4 of the Romulus City Charter.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 3. Petitioner - NONE

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

- A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to accept the Chairperson's Report.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- A. **Res. #23-245** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the fiscal year 2022/2023 encumbrances for capital outlay purchases and various City projects in the amount of \$8,453,399.27 to be rolled over into the FY 2023/2024 budget and paid accordingly. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- A. **Res. #23-246** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Election Commission and establish the early voting site for all statewide and federal elections to be the old 34th District Court located at 11131 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer – See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes

## 8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council regarding the Governor's agenda and its impact on local control on certain types of energy.

A member of the public inquired about the percentage of vacant properties in the City and the city's position on cannabis establishments.

A member from Motown Sports Group Holdings addressed the City Council regarding their interest in developing in the city.

## 9. Unfinished Business - NONE

## 10. New Business - NONE

## 11. Warrant

- A. **Res. #23-247** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 23-17 for checks presented in the amount of \$950,054.33. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

## 13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 11, 2023.



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