

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 25, 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:

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenull, Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney
Roberty Scappaticci, DPW Director; Jeff Kemp, Building Director; Jennifer Maddison, Technology Services; Maria Lambert, Resident Services Director/C.D.B.G. Coordinator

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Agenda.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes

A. **Res. # 23-248** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. **Res. #23-249** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. Petitioner - None

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

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. #23-250** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between The Senior Alliance (T.S.A.), Area of Aging 1-C and the City of Romulus to provide free health care benefit counseling to older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. **Res. #23-251** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Romulus Athletic Club (Romulus Flyers) to allow the use of Elmer Johnson Park for the purpose of football practice, football games and end of season cleanup from October 3, 2023, through November 10, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

C. **Res. #23-252** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the grant agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Romulus for improvements to the Jimmy Raspberry Park (36289 Cypress) with an allocation to the City of Romulus in the amount of \$29,521.00 to be used to remove aged playground equipment and replace with new, safer equipment.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

D. **Res. #23-253** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the N.C.P.A. Contract 01-50 for the purchase of the 23/24 licenses for Adobe Pro from Zones Inc. for a cost of \$15,677.00.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

E. **Res. #23-254** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the City of Livonia RFB-05092023- D.P.W and enter into the contract with Underground Infrastructure Services, Inc. for a Lead Service Line Investigation Program at a cost of \$253,681.00 with a 10% (\$25,368.10) contingency for any unforeseen restoration requirements. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

F. **Res. #23-255** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #07B7700179 for the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford Bronco Sport in the amount of \$32,805.00 with Feldman Automotive Group to replace the most worn-out vehicle currently being used by the Building Department.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

A. **Res. #23-256** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Amended Resolution Authorizing a Proposed Ballot Language Amending Chapter 6, Section 6.4 of the Romulus City Charter. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the city council about the unpaid taxes of a local business.

A resident inquired about the city's position on cannabis establishments.

9. Unfinished Business - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes

10. New Business

11. Warrant

A. **Res. #23-257** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #23-18 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,545,672.06. **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 8:17 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 September 25, 2023.



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