

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 6, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 1111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

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:

Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Roger Kadau - Cable Director; Colleen

Dumas - Recreation Director

1. Agenda

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. **Res. #23-279** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. There was no special meeting(s) held on Monday, October 23, 2023.

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 - Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes

Mayor McCraight gave an update on the Injection Well, Motown Development, Wayne/Ecorse construction, Eureka Road construction, and Pennsylvania road completion.

A. **Res. #23-280** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and to reappoint Maria Lambert, Julie Wojtylko, Cynthia Keleman, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Lynn Conway, Anne Lammers, and David Paszkowski to the Romulus Arts Council with all terms to expire on November 11, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #23-281** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all 2023 Tree Lighting/Holiday Train even on November 24, 2023 as well as the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 5:00 p.m. and re-opening November 25, 2023, at 1:00 a.m. and the closure of Goddard Road from Shook Road to Moore Street beginning at 5:00 p.m. and re-opening Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 1:00 a.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. **Res. #23-282** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Professional Services Agreement with Gilbane Construction for pre-construction services to begin the process of evaluation and feasibility of options for renovations or construction of the Romulus Police Department's facilities. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

D. **Res. #23-283** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #07B77001117 with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. to purchase two (2) ICP2 Tabulators for early voting in the amount of \$13,413.64. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

E. **Res. #23-284** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-8 to recognize donations for the Tree Lighting and Holiday Train Event and corresponding expenditures.

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>				
101-751 REC				
<u>Revenue</u>				
101-751-675.000	Donations	\$-	\$10,00000	\$10,00000
<u>Expense</u>				
101-751-953.017	Rec. Prgm - Tree Lighting	\$500.00	\$10,00000	\$10,500.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A. **Res. #23-285** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-3 in the amount of \$3,500.00 to recognize the 2023 Animal Welfare Grant revenue and expenditure. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. **Res. #23-286** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-7 in the amount of \$53,710.00 to recognize MCOLES Public Safety Academy Assistance Program revenue and expenditure. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. **Res. #23-287** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to deem it advisable to consider the vacation of the entire north-south alley, west of Loraine Ave and south of Hildebrandt Road to terminus, and schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to hear public input on said alley vacation in accordance with Chapter 14, Section 14.2 of the Romulus City Charter. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

D. **Res. #23-288** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the recommendations of the City Attorney, Stephen Hitchcock, and the prosecuting attorney, David Greco and approve the first reading and introduction to amendments to Chapter 36, Section 36-360 Brandishing Firearm in Public; Applicability; Violation as a Misdemeanor; Penalty of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

E. **Res. #23-289** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendations of the City Attorney, Stephen Hitchcock, and the prosecuting attorney, David Greco and approve the first reading and introduction to amendments to Chapter 38, Section 58-50 Distracted Driving, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

7. City Attorney Report - Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes

A. **Res. #23-290** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and recommendation of the City Attorney, and adopt the resolution requesting the Michigan House of Representatives reject bill 4965, which would remove revenue from the city used to support cable programming to its residents. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

8. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige reminded residents of the due date for winter property taxes. She also commented on the property tax credit cap of \$63,000 or less. Finally, she announced the Veteran's Resource Fair at Greater Grace Temple.

9. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council regarding traffic concerns on Henry Ruff road and speed bumps on Gloria St.

A resident addressed the City Council regarding trees and sidewalks on California Street and the south side of town.

A resident addressed the City Council regarding the development on Dexter Street and the reasoning for a temporary parking sign.

10. Unfinished Business - Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes

11. New Business

12. Communication

Councilperson Abdo commented on activities available at the Romulus Athletic Center.

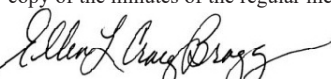
Councilperson Talley commented on upcoming community events.

Councilperson Williams reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest program and thanked the Mayor and everyone who participated in the Trunk or Treat event.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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 November 6, 2023.


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