



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 13, 2025**

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174  
Councilwoman Tina Talley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Present: Kathy Abdo, Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth**  
**Absent / Excused: John Barden**

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Robert McCraight, Mayor  
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

**Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney

**1. Agenda**

- A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the agenda as presented.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**2. Minutes**

- A. **Res. #25-001** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #25-002** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. to hear comments or objections to establishing a commercial redevelopment district and the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the filling of a vacancy on City Council.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**3. Petitioner – None**

**4. Chairperson's Report, Tina Talley, Councilwoman**

**Res. #25-003** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Richard Pastula. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #25-004** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Dave Rakotz. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- A. **Res. #25-005** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt the Resolution to establish procedure to fill current Council vacancy. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Res. #25-006** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adopt a resolution in recognition of Jesko Auto Repair's 55 years in business. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to accept the Chairperson's Report.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- A. **Res. #25-007** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointments of Cathy Freitag and Emery Long to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms that will expire on January 31, 2028. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #25-008** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement (MABAS) which is a reciprocal agreement used for deploying mutual aid resources amongst communities. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Res. #25-009** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the City's Fire Chief as designated representative for the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) group. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- C. **Res. #25-010** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 24/25-11 to recognize expenses for the installation of street lighting along Wick Road and Vining.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
<b>247-728 TIFA</b>				
<b><u>Expense</u></b> 247-728-980.000	Project Costs	\$-	\$473,773.00	\$473,773.00
<b><u>Revenue</u></b> 247-728-390.000	Fund Balance	\$-	\$13,791,354.00	\$13,317,580.00

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- D. **Res. #25-011** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 24/25-12 to cover costs associated with a cable studio camera package and an equipment maintenance contract for existing audio/visual equipment in the council chambers.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
<b>211-000 Cable</b>				
<b><u>Expense</u></b> 211-000-930.000	Repair & Maintenance	\$3,000.000	\$5,500.00	\$8,500.00
211-000-971.000	Capital Outlay	\$8,759.00	\$9,500.00	\$18,259.00
<b><u>Fund Balance</u></b> 211-000-376.000	Fund Balance/PEG Fees	\$1,265,442.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,250,442.00

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- A. **Res. #25-012** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Public Hearing Request for Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments or objections to the vacation of the north-south alley between Farnum Ave. and Middlebelt Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**7. Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**

**8. Public Comment**

A resident addressed the City Council to comment on the council vacancy procedure.  
 A resident addressed the City Council to comment on the passing of Councilwoman Virginia Williams and encourage the community to get involved in government.  
 A representative from Commission Allen Wilson's office introduced himself to the Council.  
 A resident addressed the City Council to get an update on establishing a leash law for the City.

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

10. **New Business** – None

11. **Warrant**

A. **Res. #25-013** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve Warrant #: 25-01 for checks presented in the amount of \$2,055,969.82. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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 January 13, 2025.



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