



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2024

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
Mayor Pro Tem John Barden called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused: Allen Wilson

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Jerry Frayer - DDA Director;
Nicole Harris - Police Captain

1. Agenda

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

2. Minutes

- A. Res. #24-333 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. Res. #24-334 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments and/or objections to the proposed special assessment roll for street lighting on Wick Rd. (Wickham to Vining), Vining Rd. (I-94 to Ecorse), and Smith Rd. (Vining to Merriman). Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. Petitioner

Res. #24-335 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve a special event no-fee permit for the 2025 MLK Day Community Walk, the closure of Wick Road from the Romulus Middle School eastbound to Wayne Road, and the partial closure of Wayne Road from Wick Road south to the Romulus High School. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Res. #24-336 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Marie Charles. Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-337 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by William Wadsworth to adopt a resolution recognizing Susan Evitts's years of service to the community. Motion Carried Unanimously

- 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

Res. #24-339 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adopt a resolution supporting House Bill 5333 and House Bill 5923. Motion Carried Unanimously

- A. Res. #24-339 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Virginia Williams to concur with the Administration and reappoint Councilman Wadsworth to the Employee Health Care Plan and Trust Committee for a one-year term that will expire on November 4, 2025.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams Abstain – Wadsworth **Motion Carried**

- B. **Res. #24-340** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and re-appoint Wanda Sanchez to the Officer Compensation Commission with a term to expire on June 24, 2031.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- C. **Res. #24-341** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the sole source purchase for the painting of a mural located at 37135 Goddard Road at a cost of \$19,000.00 with a 10% contingency for a total cost of \$20,900.00.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- D. **Res. #24-342** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 14-10 TCP, Schedule Anywhere Software for a three (3) year agreement with an annual cost of \$2,400.00, for a total cost of \$7,200.00.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- E. **Res. #24-343** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 24/25-10 to recognize the MCOLES Continued Professional Education (CPE) funding and corresponding allowable expenses.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
205-301-PS Police				
Expense 205-301-957.003	MCOLES CPE Training	\$-	\$61,500.00	\$61,500.00
Revenue 205-301-539.003	MCOLES CPE State Funding	\$-	\$61,500.00	\$61,500.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. **Res. #24-344** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution confirming and certifying the proposed special assessment roll for the ongoing energy and maintenance costs of street lighting on Wick (Wickham to Vining), Vining (I-94 to Ecorse), and Smith (Vining to Merriman) Roads.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- B. **For Your Information:** Official Newspaper

7. Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer - Please see Clerk’s Office for complete copy of Minutes

8. Public Comment

A resident addressed the City Council regarding another resident's large dog and requested assistance in enforcing the leash law.

9. Unfinished Business - Please see Clerk’s Office for complete copy of Minutes

10. New Business

11. Warrant

- A. Approval of Warrant #: 24-23 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,298,620.54
Res. #24-345 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-23 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,298,620.54 **Motion Carried Unanimously**

12. Communication - Please see Clerk’s Office for complete copy of Minutes

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 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 December 9, 2024.



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