



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 24, 2025

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, Harry Crout, David Jones, Tina Talley

Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhill - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney;

Ken Chapman - Fire Chief; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Steve Dudek - Technology Services Director;

Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Roger Kadau - Cable Director;

Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director

1. Agenda

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

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #25-047** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. **Res. #25-048** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss amendments to the Animal Ordinance, and the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments or objections to vacating an alley located North of Charles Avenue between Middlebelt Rd & Farnum Avenue. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner - None

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

Res. #25-049 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a resolution in recognition of Dennis Davidson for being the Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 38th Person of the Year.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

5. Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes

- A. **Res. #25-050** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Master Educational Affiliation Agreement between Romulus Fire Department and Schoolcraft Community College which will provide clinical training experience for Schoolcraft EMS students. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. **Res. #25-051** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the professional services agreements with ROWE Engineering for four (4) years as an alternate engineering firm on various projects throughout the year.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- C. **Res. #25-052** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 24/25-08 for the 2025 HMA Road Program Project to the lowest, most responsive & responsible bidder, Al's Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$1,230,334.50 with a 10% contingency in the amount of

\$123,033.45 to cover any unforeseen issues that may arise in the field, bringing the total requested amount to \$1,353,367.95. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- D. **Res. #25-053** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Contract 01-152 for the purchase of SQL Server Software and Licensing from Zones, LLC. for a total cost of \$37,783.35. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- E. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** Communication from Roberto Scappaticci - RE: GEM, Inc. Emergency Heat Exchanger Replacements at Police Department

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

- A. **Res. #25-054** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-14 in the amount of \$150,000.00 to recognize additional revenues and expenditures related to reimbursable engineering fees. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. **Res. #25-055** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve a one-hour and fifteen-minute study session for Monday, April 14, 2025, and Monday, April 28, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2025-26 City Budgets. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
Res. #25-056 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **David Jones** to schedule a public hearing on the proposed 2025-26 City budgets to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers for Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- C. **Res. #25-057** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Public Hearing request for Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Demolition List 24-01. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

8. **Public Comment**

Renee Osaer, Director of Safety for Moon Start Express, addressed the City Council in support of a Pilot Truck Stop in Romulus.

9. **Unfinished Business - None**

10. **New Business – None**

11. **Warrant**

- A. **Res. #25-058** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 25-04 for checks presented in the amount of \$587,727.16. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Harry Crout** to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 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 February 24, 2025.



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