



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 13, 2024

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

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

**Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson**

**Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe**

#### **Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

#### **Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

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

Maria Farris - Finance Director; Julie Albert - Director of Assessing & Financial Services; Maria Lambert -

Director of Resident Services; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Jessica Katers

- OHM; Michael Laskaska - Director of Communication & Community Service

### 1. Agenda

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

### 2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-127** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. **Res. #24-128** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the City of Romulus 2024/25 FY Budget as outlined in Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

### 3. Petitioner - None

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

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

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

- A. **Res. #24-129** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy authorization for the City of Romulus and 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as submitted by Mayor McCraight.

#### CITY OF ROMULUS

#### GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and millage rates to support this budget.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

**SECTION 2.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>COUNCIL</b>	118,870
<b>MAYOR</b>	930,622
<b>CLERK</b>	1,007,634
<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	14,886,617
<b>TREASURER</b>	541,970
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	1,984,970
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	4,364,496
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECREATIONAL &amp; CULTURAL</b>	135,290
	936,948
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	24,907,417
 <b>REVENUES</b>	
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>	10,026,940
<b>BUSINESS LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>	158,000
<b>FEDERAL GRANTS &amp; REVENUES</b>	-
<b>STATE GRANTS &amp; REVENUES</b>	4,940,690
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>	684,710
<b>FINES &amp; FORFEITS</b>	100,000
<b>INTEREST &amp; RENTS</b>	596,570
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>	1,976,460
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS</b>	66,500
<b>NON-BUSINESS LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>	1,518,500
	1,518,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	20,068,370
 <b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	4,839,047
 <b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	24,907,417

**SECTION 3.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	2,735,095
<b>TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS</b>	2,100,000
<b>TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND</b>	210,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; CONTINGENCIES</b>	5,045,095
 <b>REVENUES</b>	3,048,190

<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	1,996,905
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	5,045,095

**SECTION 4.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	3,357,335
<b>REVENUES</b>	3,092,930
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	264,405
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	3,357,335

**SECTION 5.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY FUND</b>	17,431,108
<b>REVENUES</b>	17,259,500

**SECTION 6.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER</b>	2,811,100
<b>REVENUES</b>	2,811,100

**SECTION 7.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>CEMETERY FUND</b>	-
<b>REVENUES</b>	100
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	100

**SECTION 8.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

**CABLE TELEVISION** 225,300

**REVENUES** 307,600

**SECTION 9.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

**MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT** 104,380

**REVENUES** 99,040

**APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE** 5,340

**TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE** 104,380

**SECTION 10.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

**STREET LIGHTING** 871,780

**REVENUES** 912,560

**APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE** 5,340

**TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE** 912,560

**SECTION 11.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

**OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT** 10,600

**REVENUES** 21,610

**SECTION 12.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following:

**COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND** 5,000

**REVENUES** 11,020

**SECTION 13.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

**SANITATION** 1,793,964

**REVENUES** 1,612,620

<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	181,344
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>1,793,964</u>

**SECTION 14.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS</b>	<u>40,435</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>37,435</u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	3,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>40,435</u>

**SECTION 15.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND</b>	<u>278,990</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>279,590</u>

**SECTION 16.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>9 1 1 FUND</b>	<u>220,650</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>143,100</u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	77,550
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>220,650</u>

**SECTION 17.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	<u>590,106</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	580,106
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>590,106</u>

**SECTION 18.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>STATE FORFEITURE</b>	35,120
<b>REVENUES</b>	1,000
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	34,120
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	35,120

**SECTION 19.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>MUNICIPAL LIBRARY</b>	1,211,560
<b>REVENUES</b>	1,061,030
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	150,530
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	1,211,560

**SECTION 20.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Opioid Settlement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>Opioid Settlement Fund</b>	40,000
<b>REVENUES</b>	8,710
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	31,290
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	40,000

**SECTION 21.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017B Court Building Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS</b>	1,044,720
<b>REVENUES</b>	1,000,500
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	44,220
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	1,044,720

**SECTION 22.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017A Ecorse/Vining Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS</b>	1,048,100
<b>REVENUES</b>	1,058,100

**SECTION 23.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS</b>	110,000
<b>REVENUES</b>	110,000

**SECTION 24.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>SEWER DEBT SERVICE</b>	200,000
<b>REVENUES</b>	95,000
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	105,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	200,000

**SECTION 25.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>WATER DEBT SERVICE</b>	60,000
<b>REVENUES</b>	35,000
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	25,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	60,000

**SECTION 26.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Court Building Construction on an activity basis, the following:

<b>Court Building Construction</b>	258,000
<b>REVENUES</b>	5,000
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	253,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	258,000

**SECTION 27.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the

Ecorse Construction & Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>ECORSE CONSTRUCTION &amp; VINING ROAD EXTENSION</b>	<u><u>100,000</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u><u>30,000</u></u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>70,000</u></u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>100,000</u></u>

**SECTION 28.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION</b>	<u><u>49,610</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u><u>400</u></u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>49,210</u></u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>49,610</u></u>

**SECTION 29.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>SEWER AND WATER</b>	<u><u>23,027,468</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u><u>16,146,920</u></u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>6,880,548</u></u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>23,027,468</u></u>

**SECTION 30.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<u><u>2,843,295</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u><u>2,617,210</u></u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>226,085</u></u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>2,843,295</u></u>

**SECTION 31.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the



Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>TECHNOLOGY SERVICES</b>	<u><u>987,690</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u><u>997,680</u></u>

**SECTION 32.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE</b>	<u><u>657,850</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u><u>684,730</u></u>

**SECTION 33.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS</b>	<u><u>2,115,254</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u><u>2,358,250</u></u>

**SECTION 34.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</b>	<u><u>3,890</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u><u>5,300</u></u>

**SECTION 35.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

<b>DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</b>	<u><u>1,047,990</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u><u>576,280</u></u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>471,710</u></u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>1,047,990</u></u>

**SECTION 36.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

<b>TIFA DISTRICT II</b>	<u><u>4,528,280</u></u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u><u>9,942,050</u></u>
<b>APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE</b>	

**TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND  
 BALANCE**

4,528,280

**SECTION 37.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following  
 Capital Budget expenditures:

**CAPITAL BUDGET**

8,782,376

**SECTION 38.** That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required  
 to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes  
 within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

**SECTION 39.** Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by  
 charter or statute be assessed:

<b>OPERATING MILLAGE</b>	9.4063
<b>P.A. 359 MILLAGE</b>	0.03597
<b>FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE</b>	4.0000
<b>LIBRARY MILLAGE</b>	0.7000
<b>SANITATION MILLAGE</b>	1.5500

**SECTION 40.** Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any  
 type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

**CITY OF ROMULUS  
 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:**

That for the expenditures of the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and  
 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount is hereby appropriated.

**OPERATING EXPENDITURES \$3,888,210**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Wilson Nays - Williams **Motion Carried.**

- B. Res. #24-130** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and  
 authorize a no fee permit for the use of the Elmer Johnson’s Park pavilion on August 17, 2024 for First  
 Baptist Church annual picnic. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- C.** Resolution to Request Changes to the House Bill 5534  
 No Action Taken
- D. Res. #24-131** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration  
 and award ITB 23/24-10 for renovations to Mary Ann Banks Park to the lowest, most responsible and  
 responsive bidder, Premier Group Associates LC, in the amount of \$283,095.89 plus a contingency of  
 \$8,738.11. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

E. **Res. #24-132** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #07B7700181 for the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford Transit HR T250 Van for the price of \$50,995.00 from Gorno Ford for the Romulus Senior Center.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Res. #24-133** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-17 for the purchase of a Ford Transit HR T250 for the Senior Center.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

A. **Res. #24-134** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the 2024/2025 Proposed Municipal Fee Schedule for the City of Romulus to be effective July 1, 2024.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. **Res. #24-135** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution determining the need for the renewal and expansion of the Merriman, Smith, Wick, Wickham, and Vining Enhancement Project, in which, the improvements and annual maintenance will be specially assessed to the taxpayers in this district and schedule a fifteen (15) minute public hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and hear any objections to the proposed improvements. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

C. **Res. #24-136** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Special Meeting - Study Session Request for Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to review and discuss the 11 applications submitted for the Honorary Street Sign Dedication Program  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

8. **Public Comment – None**

9. **Unfinished Business - None**

10. **New Business - None**

11. **Warrant**

A. **Res. #24-137** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-09 for checks presented in the amount of \$2,228,827.80.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. **Communication – Please see the Clerk's Office for complete set of Minutes**

**Res#24-138** Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by William Wadsworth to object to the proposed State Senate maps that divides the City representation in the Michigan State Senate.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** 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 May 13, 2024.



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