



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 28, 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, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Absent / Excused: William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Losen - H.R. Director; Angela Bennett - Asst. H.R. Director; Stephen Dudek - Technology Services Director; Jerry Frayer - DDA Director; Michael Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service

1.

Agenda

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

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-139** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #24-140** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting, Executive Closed Session, held on May 13, 2024, to discuss an Attorney Opinion.
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner – None

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

Res. #24-141 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and Human Resources Director's recommendation to approve the Tentative Agreement for the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Romulus and the Teamsters Union Local 214, to be effective from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028.

Encompassed in the motion is to recognize June 19, 2024, as a compensated holiday and to authorize the Mayor or Human Resources Director to be authorized signatories for all health care plan modifications included in the Tentative Agreement.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #24-142 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and Human Resources Director's recommendation to approve the Tentative Agreement for the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Romulus and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union Local 1917, to be effective from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028. Encompassed in the motion is to recognize June 19, 2024, as a compensated holiday and to authorize the Mayor or Human Resources Director to be authorized signatories for all health care plan modifications included in the AFSCME Tentative

Agreement. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

5. Mayor’s Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff, presented the Mayor's Report.

- A. **Res. #24-143** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Professional Services Agreement with Best Practices Consulting Services to help with Economic Gardening, Business Development, and Technical Assistance with small businesses and help promote Romulus businesses and new storefronts from June 8, 2024, through December 12, 2024, in that amount of \$46,500.00.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- B. **Res. #24-144** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-18 to recognize donations and corresponding expenses for the Juneteenth Celebration.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
Clerk				
<u>Revenue</u> 101-215-675.019	Donations - Juneteenth	\$-	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<u>Expense</u> 101-215-730.019	Operating Supplies - Juneteenth	\$-	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- C. **Res. #24-145** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-19 to amend FY24 Budget to account for depreciation and additional IT expenses.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
IT Technology Services				
<u>Fund Balance</u> 664-000-399.000	Retained Earnings	\$340,116.00	\$(115,000.00)	\$225,096.00
<u>Expense</u> 664-228-968.00	Depreciation	\$-	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
664-228-931.000	Maintenance Services	\$115,340.00	\$15,000.00	\$130,340.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. Res. #24-146** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a resolution to direct the City Assessor to prepare the proposed Special Assessment Roll for improvements and maintenance in the Merriman, Wickham, Wick, Vining & Smith Districts. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. Res. #24-147** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the 2nd Reading and Final adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-17 in the amount of \$50,995.00 for the purchase of a Ford Transit HR T250 for the Senior Center. **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. #24-148** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-10 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,314,117.99. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

12. Communication

Councilwoman Williams reminded residents of the Juneteenth event at the Coleman Center.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 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 28, 2024.



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