



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 24, 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, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams, Allen Wilson

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert McCraight, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhuil - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Robert Pfannes - Police Chief; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Steve Dudek - Technology Services Director; Jennifer Madison - Asst. Technology Services Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Gary Harris - Asst. Finance Director; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service

1. Agenda

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

2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-167** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams, Wilson Abstain - Wadsworth
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- B. **Res. #24-168** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Public Hearing held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. to provide public input on the proposed vacation of Harriet Ave. & Harrison Ave. and the associated east-west & north-south alleys located between said streets.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams, Wilson Abstain - Wadsworth
Motion Carried Unanimously.
For the Record: No quorum was present for the Special Meeting - Study Session scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

3. Petitioner

- A. **Petitioner:** Jennifer Madison **Petition Request:** Approval of Block Party & Road Closure for Thursday, July 4, 2024
Res. #24-169 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Block Party Petition for Thursday, July 4, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and the closing of Hearst Ave. at Dexter St. to the property line of 6225 Chamberlain and the closing of Horace Jackson St. at Martin Pl. to the property line of 6318 Horace Jackson St. with access granted for emergency vehicles for the stated event.
Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- 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

- A. **Res. #24-170** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration

and adopt a resolution in support of House Bill 5695 to direct the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to enroll in the GEMT program through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services State Plan Amendment and Process and urge the Michigan State Legislature to include funding to administer the GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transportation) program in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Appropriations bill (HB5556/SB767). **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. **Res. #24-171** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the HGAC Buy contract AM10-23 with Kodiak Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of a 2024 Chevy 2168 Superior Warrior III G4500 Ambulance and a stretcher/unloading system with the total cost not to exceed \$375,000. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. **Res. #24-172** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration, and authorize the Sole Source Agreement with ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute) for the annual cost of \$13,160.00, with an additional request to continue with the agreement for subsequent fiscal years for the life of the software or until the cost is no longer able to be budgeted for and the increase in the annual cost does not exceed CPI (Consumer Price Index). **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- D. **Res. #24-173** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B6600111 for the purchase of a Dell PowerEdge R450 Server for the BS&A Software for a total of \$13,496.58. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- E. **Res. #24-174** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached contract with MDOT, for the construction of a sidewalk on Wayne Road from Smith Road to Van Born Road with a grant award of \$988,000.00 and a local match to be determined upon final bid. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- F. **Res. #24-175** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Sourcewell contract #110421-VRM for the purchase of a Vermeer D10 Bore Machine from Vermeer Midwest for a total cost of \$195,789.19. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- G. **Res. #24-176** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and approve Change Order #1 to Bid Award ITB 23/24-02 for additional concrete work within the City of Romulus as outlined in Change Order #1 for work that was completed in the Oakbrook and Meadows Subdivisions in the amount of \$72,367.46. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- H. **Res. #24-177** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and award ITB 23/24-05 to Kemp Builders Inc., to reconstruct the Veteran’s Memorial in the amount of \$143,000.00 with a contingency of \$15,000.00 for unforeseen issues at a total cost of \$158,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- I. **Res. #24-178** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached Professional Services Contract with Partners in Architecture, PLC to begin Phase One for Programming/Site Facility Analysis/Conceptual Design for the Romulus Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$37,550.00.
 Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth Nays – Williams Abstain - Wilson
Motion Carried
- J. **Res. #24-179** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B6600126 to purchase ammunition for both practice at the range and on-duty purposes in the amount of \$14,989.80 from Vance Outdoor Inc. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- K. **Res. #24-180** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Sole Source Purchase Vector Solutions' Guardian Tracking Software. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- L. **Res. #24-181** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration, and authorize the purchase of 25 Tasers, along with 15 holsters and associated software, under the terms of Axon’s “Taser 10 Bundling Program” at the reduced price of \$144,625 over the next five (5) years (\$28,925 per year). **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- M. **Res. #24-182** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-20 to amend the FY24 Budget to account for cellular/mobile services related to Digital Ally overages.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
265 Federal Law Enforcement Fund				
<u>Fund Balance</u> 265-000-390.000	Retained Earnings	\$30,982.00	\$(6,000.00)	\$24,982.00
<u>Expense</u> 265-301-851.000	Cellular/Mobile Services	\$8,230.00	\$6,000.00	\$14,230.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- N. **Res. #24-183** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-21 to record additional projected revenues and expenses for the Romulus Athletic Center as of May 31, 2024, for the 23/24 budget.

<u>FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
Romulus Athletic Center				
<u>Revenues</u>				
208-000-587.001	TIFA – Capital Reserve Cost	\$372,000.00	\$228,000.00	\$600,000.00
208-751-651.001	Reimb.	\$717,000	\$50,365.00	\$767,365.00
208-751-651.010	Memberships	\$12,000.00	\$28,277.00	\$40,277.00
208-751-651.020	Sports Leagues	\$207,150.00	\$170,659.00	\$377,809.00
208-751-651.021	Drop in/Day Passes Parties/Birthday	\$30,000.00	\$63,339.00	\$93,339.00
			\$540,639.00	\$1,878,789.00
<u>Expenditures</u>				
208-751-702.000		\$150,000.00	\$83,313.00	\$233,313.00
208-751-703.000	Regular	\$500,000.00	\$201,144.00	\$701,144.00
208-751-718.000	Part Time	\$25,000.00	\$12,133.00	\$37,133
208-751-727.000	Health Insurance	\$6,000.00	\$7,631.00	\$13,631.00
208-751-730.000	Supplies	\$64,500.00	\$39,138.00	\$103,638.00
208-751-751.000	Operating Supplies	\$30,000.00	\$21,956.00	\$51,956.00
208-751-920.000	Software	\$308,500.00	\$43,253.00	\$351,753.00
208-751-955.208	Utilities	\$17,000.00	\$6,603.96	\$23,604.00
208-751-971.000	Payroll Expenses	\$-	\$64,842.00	\$64,842.00

	Capital Outlay		\$480,014.00	\$1,581,014.00
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Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- A. **Res. #24-184** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of TA-2023-001; a proposed text amendment to Section 3.04(a)(3), Accessory Buildings and Structures - Detached Accessory Building Size and Section 3.05(a)(3), Fences - Location and Height, of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **Res. #24-185** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the request for a Special Meeting - Study Session on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- C. **Res. #24-186** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the request for a Special Meeting - Public Hearing on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to provide public input on the proposed assessment roll for the Special Assessment District for the Merriman, Smith, Wick, Wickham, and Vining Enhancement Project. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- D. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and the Administration and approve the First Reading & Introduction to amendments to Chapter 62 - Water & Sewer System, Article IV - Combined Systems, Sections 62-357 through 62-369, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances.
 Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth Nays - Roscoe, Williams, Wilson
Motion Failed – 2/3 majority vote required
- E. Notice of Water & Sewer Rate Changes – No Action Taken
- F. **Res. #24-187** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to amend the Honorary Street Sign Dedication Policy to approve applications that exceed the five-application limit set in the policy. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
Res. #24-188 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Honorary Street Sign Dedication Program applications honoring the following:
 Eddie Jones; Lela M. Carter; Melvin Carter; Harry Scott, Jr.; Celester Warren; Ron & Debbie Dick; Eva W. Webb; Ben Robbins; Rob Jesko; Mary Franklin; and Florence Rupert – effective 2025
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment

- A resident addressed the City Council regarding an ordinance violation.
- Two residents addressed the City Council regarding parking on Chamberlain St.
- A resident addressed the City Council regarding development in the City.
- A resident addressed the City Council regarding the City Charter and violations of it.
- A resident addressed the City Council regarding animals around her property.
- A resident addressed the City Council regarding removing a sign on his property.

9. Unfinished Business – None

10. New Business – Please see the Clerk’s Office for complete copy of Minutes

11. Warrant

- A. **Res. #24-189** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-12 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,592,731.99. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 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 June 24, 2024.



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