



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 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; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney;

Jerry Frayer - DDA Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director; Carole Maise - City Planner; Jeffrey

Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director

### 1. Agenda

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

### 2. Minutes

- A. **Res. #24-275** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- B. **No special meeting(s) was held on Monday, September 9, 2024.**

### 3. Petitioner

- A. RZ-2024-003/SLU-2024-006/SPR-2024-002; AVIS Budget Rental (29245 Wick Road)  
Jeffrey Luna from AVIS Budget Rental and Carmen Aventini from CIB Planning presented a presentation on the rezoning and special land use request.  
**Res. #24-276** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the first reading for RZ-2024-003; AVIS Budget Rental Car Storage Facility, a Zoning Map Amendment and associated Conditional Rezoning Agreement to conditionally rezone 2.6 acres of property specifically Lots 4,5, and 6 of 29245 Wick Road, from C-2, General Business to M-T, Industrial Transportation for the purpose of redeveloping the subject site for accessory, off-site, overflow vehicle storage subject to a revised Conditional Rezoning Agreement being provided. **Motion Carried Unanimously**  
**Res. #24-277** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Special Land Use, SLU-2024-006; AVIS Budget Rental Car Storage Facility located at 29245 Wick Road subject to the Conditional Rezoning, Conditional Rezoning Agreement and revised Site Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- Res. #24-278** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a resolution based on the discussion with the City Attorney in closed session that the City authorize up to \$5,000.00 to support the litigation against Wayne Disposal to prohibit radioactive material being disposed at the Wayne Disposal site in Van Buren Township. **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**

- A. **Res. #24-279** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road from 5-points to Moore Street on October 5, 2024, from 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Relay for Life "*Color the Cure*" walk. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
  
- Res. #24-280** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street between the Post Office (driveway will not be blocked) and Bibbins Road on October 5, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the *Relay for Life Luminary Ceremony*. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
  
- B. **Res. #24-281** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreement with the Romulus Athletic Club to allow the use of Elmer Johnson Park for the purpose of football practice, football games, and end of season clean up from October 1, 2024, through November 8, 2024, Tuesdays - Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
  
- C. **Res. #24-282** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the First Amendment to Development and Reimbursement Agreement between the Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Romulus and NP Lordstown 173, LLC. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
  
- D. **Res. #24-283** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and award the contract for support services associated with the design, administration, and inspection (*as part of the pending STAG grant awarded to the City*) for the location and removal of lead water pipes for drinking water service lines for the Department of Public Works to the only company to submit, OHM Advisors. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
  
- E. **Res. #24-284** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners contract 01-152 for the purchase of the 24/25 licenses for Adobe Pro from Zones Inc., at a total cost of \$19,308.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- Res. #24-285** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Gbadewale Gbogboade. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
  
- A. **Res. #24-286** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 24/25-9 in the amount of \$18,000.00 to recognize funding from the Institute of Responsible Government and corresponding expenditures. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
  
- B. **Res. #24-287** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, October 14, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
  
- C. **Res. #24-288** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **None** to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and Finance Department and approve the First Reading and Introduction to amendments to Chapter 62 - Water & Sewer System, Article IV - Combined Systems, Section 62-357 through 62-399, of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances  
 Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth Nays - Williams Abstain - Abdo  
**Motion Carried**

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

**8. Public Comment**

Inkster Councilwoman Dee Coleman informed the public of a Community forum at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center on October 5th that will provide various services for all Wayne County residents. Martell Bivings, candidate for U.S. Representative - District 13, introduced himself to the City Council.

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

10. **New Business** - *Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes*

11. **Warrant**

A. **Res. #24-289** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 24-18 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,051,003.10. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 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 September 23, 2024.



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