

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
RIVER ROUGE CITY HALL – March 3, 2020**

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Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Meeting called to order at 8:25 P.M.

Present: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward

Absent: None

Excused: Campbell

Also Present: Patricia Johnson- City Clerk, Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy Clerk,  
Water Superintendent- Chris Beaudrie, Kameelah Pasha- Assessor  
Peggy Madden-Legal Counsel, Leonel Lopez-Chief of Police, Public Safety Director- Dan Kolke,  
Roberto Cruz- Fire Chief, Finance Director-Carl Johnson

20-048

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve check numbers 70318-70435 plus payment to Automated Benefit Services in the amount of \$8,336.13 plus two (2) payrolls.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce(except70399), Ward(except 70428), Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Pierce on 70399, Ward on 70317

20-049

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Pierce

20-050

Moved by Commissioner Perry, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve 5 Building permits, 1 Demolition permit, 6 Electrical permits, 7 Mechanical permits, 1 Plumbing permit a total of 20 permits for 02/18/2020-03/02/2020

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

20-051

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Perry, CARRIED to approve Mussill Sport Center Inc. for a Business License.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

20-052

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Laginess, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to authorize (Commissioner of Bridges) Dan Cooney to approach and request that DTE donate to the City of River Rouge approximately 17 thousand and five hundred square feet of land on the Detroit River and immediately adjacent to the N-E corner of Belanger Park for use as a “proposed educational platform” on the river as part of the construction of the “Gordie Howe International Bridge”.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Perry

20-053

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve the payment to the Senior Alliance Community Match in the amount of \$793.00 for the year of 2020.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

20-054

Moved by Commissioner Perry, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve the Wayne County Clean Program application be submitted for the year of 2020.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

20-055

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve Fiscal Year 2020(FY20)- Community Energy Management Grant Agreement.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

20-056

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Perry, CARRIED to approve the renewal contract with Rapid Response EMS ambulance services within its corporate limits for a period of three (3) years from 3-28-2020 until 3-28-2020. This contract shall automatically renew for one (1) year periods as mutually agreed upon by both parties. Rapid Response EMS and the City of River Rouge have agreed to a monthly subsidy payable to Rapid Response EMS of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to continue to provide EMS services as outlined in the contract.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

20-057

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Ward, Mayor Bowdler, CARRIED to amend the Medical Marijuana and Recreational Marijuana Ordinance.

Yeas: Cooney, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Perry

Abstain: Laginess

20-058

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve Royal Highness PC3 for a Medical Marijuana License and a Recreational Marijuana License for 10196 W. Jefferson.

Yeas: Cooney, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Perry

Abstain: Laginess

20-059

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, CARRIED to approve renewal of Goose Control Service Agreement.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

20-060

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Laginess, CARRIED to amend resolution 20-059 to prorate Goose Control Service Agreement to start on March 9, 2020.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

20-061

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve Karen Follbaum to fill in Treasurers Office with a limit of 29 work hours per week.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Perry

20-062

Moved by Commissioner Perry, supported by Commissioner Laginess, CARRIED to adopt City of Trenton Resolution 2020-1

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE  
RESOLUTION 20-062

WHEREAS, the railroads have historically played an important part in the growth of this nation and many of the communities they served, and

WHEREAS, the railroads were generally willing and worked cooperatively with many of the communities it served across the great nation, and

WHEREAS, in the time since deregulation changed the ability of local law enforcement to cite or ticket the blocking of railroad crossings, some railroads appear to have changed their position of working with communities and routinely block railroad crossings, and

WHEREAS, in the City of River Rouge, where there are 2 railroad crossings, the routine and prolonged blocking of railroad crossings is a matter of public safety that separates residents from essential response of police and fire personnel, prevents access to emergency medical services at the only hospital in our community, and impairs the flow of traffic and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council on behalf of the citizens of River Rouge, call upon public officials in surrounding local communities, as well as elected officials at the County, State and Federal government to support SB364, HB 5129, and HB 5130 to create and operate local grade separations of motor vehicle traffic and railroad traffic in this state.

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the following: Elected Officials- U.S. Senators Stabenow and Peters; U.S. Congresswoman Tlaib, Governor Gretchen Whitmer; State Senator Stephanie Chang; State Representative Tyrone Carter; Wayne County Executive Warren Evans; Wayne County Commissioner Palamara; Downriver Community Conference; DCC Communities; Michigan Department of Transportation; National Transportation Safety Board; Federal Railroad Administration; Conrail Representative; CSX Representative; CN Representative.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE City Council of River Rouge, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020

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Michael D. Bowdler, Mayor

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Patricia Hudson-Johnson, City Clerk

I certify that the forgoing is a true copy of the resolution passed by the City Council of the City of River Rouge at a Regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room inside the City Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

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Patricia Hudson-Johnson, City Clerk

20-063

Motion to adjourn at 9:44 P.M.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson - City Clerk

Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy City Clerk