

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CONFERENCE November 17, 2020**

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Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Meeting called to order at 7:34 P.M.

Present: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward

Excused: Campbell, Perry

Absent: None

Also Present: Kameelah Pasha- City Assessor, Dennis Cora- City Treasurer, Patricia H. Johnson- City Clerk, Greg Jones- Legal Counsel, Roberto Cruz- Public Safety Director, Carl Johnson- Finance Director

20-300

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Ward, **CARRIED** to approve the minutes of November 4, 2020 Council Meeting.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-301

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Cooney, **CARRIED** to approve checks 71950-72023 plus payments to Automated Benefit Services in the amount of \$3,139.92 plus two payrolls.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward(except 72019), Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Ward on 72019

20-302

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Cooney, **CARRIED** to approve General Election checks 71950-72023.

Yeas: Cooney (except 71924), Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-303

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Pierce, **CARRIED** to approve 16 Building permits, 4 Demolition Permits, 12 Electrical permits, 3 Fence permits, 2 Flat work permits, 8 Mechanical permits, 12 Plumbing permits for a total of 58 Permits.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-304

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, **CARRIED** to approve to support the 2020 Census Challenge process that the Census be recounted in the 13<sup>th</sup> District.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-305

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Laginess, **CARRIED** to approve Vision of Youth to host Juneteenth Celebration on June 19, 2021.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-306

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Ward, **CARRIED** to approve Coats, Hats and Gloves Drive Thru at the River Rouge Fire Department December 5, 2020 10am-2pm. AARF will provide dog food and straw for the animals of the City of River Rouge.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-307

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Pierce, **CARRIED** to approve to budget for 3 possible new Police Officers.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-308

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, **CARRIED** to approve the request per City Attorney David Bower to rescind resolution 20-291 that approved the transfer of provisioning center/retailer license from Clint Pattah to AEY Holding, LLC for a provisioning facility to be located at 11397 W. Jefferson.

Yeas: Cooney, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Laginess

20-309

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Ward, **CARRIED** to approve to convey the lot at 223 Campbell to the adjoining homeowner, Roberto Hernandez, for \$100.00 consistent with the requirements and approval MSHDA.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-310

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Ward, **CARRIED** to approve to declare fire damage house located at 85 E. Henry an "emergency" and to Order an Emergency Demolition, pursuant to the recommendation of the Building Official. Permission to obtain asbestos survey as an emergency, not to exceed \$1,000 and to go out to bid upon receipt of the survey for Demolition and Abatement.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-311

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, **CARRIED** to approve to give Peggy Madden the authority to purchase the following properties: 27 Myrtle, 23 E. Cicotte, 325 Burke and 17 E. Pleasant for \$1,000 each from the Wayne County Land Bank to include the Wayne County Demolition Grant and to authorize Peggy Madden to execute any documents to the sale on the behalf of the City.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-312

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Pierce, **CARRIED** to approve the request per Public Safety Director Cruz to purchase new weapons in the amount of \$16,415.00 for the City of River Rouge Police Department. Each weapon cost \$469.00 and \$310.00 will be paid by each Police Officer who decides to purchase their weapon. The \$310.00 will get reimbursed to the General Fund.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

20-313 Motion to adjourn at 8:32 P.M.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson - City Clerk

Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy City Clerk