

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN
ZOOM MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CONFERENCE December 15, 2020**

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Meeting called to order at 7:41 P.M.

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward

Excused: None

Absent: None

Also Present: Assessor- Kameelah Pasha, Dennis Cora-City Treasurer, Patricia H. Johnson- City Clerk, Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy Clerk, Angela Mannarino-Legal Counsel, Roberto Cruz-Public Safety Director, Finance Director-Carl Johnson

20-324

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Laginess, Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve the minutes of December 1, 2020 Council Meeting.

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

Nays: None

20-325

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Laginess, CARRIED to approve to sell 361 Palmerston to Joshua Wheeler in the amount of \$100.00 with paperwork from Legal Department.

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

Nays: None

20-326

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to sell 10748 W. Jefferson to Guss Kariko in the amount of \$200,000.00. From this amount \$50,000.00 will pay for the building of interest and the remaining \$150,000.00 will be a donation to the City of River Rouge to go towards the Beechwood Center at the time of purchase. City of River Rouge will be responsible for the removal of all personal property still located in the building.

Yeas: Cooney, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Perry

Abstain: Campbell, Laginess, Pierce

20-327

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve to pay annual membership fees to Protec in the amount of \$987.88.

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

Nays: None

20-328

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve Schedule of Meetings for 2021.

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

Nays: None

20-329

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Perry, CARRIED to approve the renewal of Rashida Tlaib Lease and Lease Addendum for office space.

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

Nays: None

20-330

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve request to purchase Tasers for the Police Department per Director Roberto Cruz in the amount of \$17,100.00.

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

Nays: None

20-331

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve sale of lot 313 Polk to the adjoining homeowner, Yoselin Medina for \$100.00.

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

Nays: None

20-332

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to rescind the sale of 69 Leroy to George Johnson plus back taxes in the amount of \$3,606.24.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Laginess, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Perry, Pierce

20-333

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve the sale of 69 Leroy to George Johnson for \$2,000.00 plus 2019 taxes. To be renovated and occupied by a family member with conditions suitable to the legal department, including no sale of the property for five years unless it is a direct family member. C of O must be obtained before occupancy. 2019 taxes to be paid by the purchaser to the Wayne County Treasurer.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Laginess, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Perry, Pierce

20-334

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve the request to amend resolution 20-080 to approve sale of 0 W. Pleasant (vacant property), Parcel ID #50-008-99-007-701, from the City of River Rouge to Pleasant Ave. Acquisitions, LLC for the sale price of \$30,000.00. The reason for the corrective action is that there was a typo in the Parcel ID# and the name of the purchaser was incorrect (Pleasant "Street" Acquisitions, rather than Pleasant "Ave" Acquisitions).

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

Nays: None

Pierce left meeting for an emergency.

20-335

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Perry, CARRIED to approve authorization of the Mayor to execute Right-of-Entry Agreement with DTE so the City and its agents can access DTE's property adjacent to Belanger Park for review/investigation regarding the potential transfer of the property to the City for the proposed construction of an observation platform to view the construction on the new Gordie Howe Bridge.

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

Nays: None

20-336

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Perry, CARRIED to approve Emergency repairs to the Senior Citizen Building Roof in the amount of \$87,750.00 to Tittle Construction. Partial payment will come from grant.

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

Nays: None

20-337

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Perry, CARRIED to approve sale of 94 Leroy St. to Andia Loving in the amount of \$500.00.

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Laginess, CARRIED to approve checks 71805-71914 plus payments to Automated Benefit Services in the amount of \$689.76 plus two payrolls.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce (except 71880), Ward (except 71910), Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Pierce on 71880, Ward on 71910

20-295

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve Overtime Figures for 10/11/20 thru 10/24/20 in the amount of \$12,331.34.

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

Nays: None

20-296

Moved by Commissioner Perry, supported by Commissioner Laginess, CARRIED to approve 8 Building permits, 2 Demolition Permits, 7 Electrical permits, 4 Mechanical permits, 2 Plumbing permits for a total of 23 Permits.

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

Nays: None

20-297

Moved by Commissioner Perry, supported by Commissioner Laginess, CARRIED to approve So Fraiche Grill for a Business License located at 10756 W. Jefferson for 2020/2021.

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

Nays: None

20-298

Moved by Commissioner Perry, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve General Election Poll Workers payroll checks.

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

Nays: None

20-299

Motion to adjourn at 9:06 P.M.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson - City Clerk

Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy City Clerk