

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN
ZOOM MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CONFERENCE February 2, 2021**

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Meeting called to order at 7:31 P.M.

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Ward

Excused: Laginess

Absent: None

All Council Members were located in River Rouge, Mi County of Wayne during the Meeting.

Also Present: Assessor- Kameelah Pasha, Dennis Cora-City Treasurer, Patricia H. Johnson- City Clerk, Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy Clerk, David Greco-Legal Counsel, Roberto Cruz-Public Safety Director, Finance Director-Carl Johnson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor-Lisa Givens

21-022

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve the minutes of January 5, 2021 Council Meeting.

Yeas: Campbell, Perry, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Cooney, Pierce

21-023

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021 Council Meeting.

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

Nays: None

21-024

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve Notice to rescind Resolution 20-236 that was passed on December 15, 2020 approving to sell 10748 W. Jefferson to Guss Kariko in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Perry

Abstain: None

21-025

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to sell 10748 W. Jefferson to Win Property Investment, LLC for \$50,000.00 and will donate \$150,000 for Beechwood Center repairs.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Perry

Abstain: None

21-026

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve to adopt new City policy to establish guidelines to be used by the Board of Review in determining whether a homeowner is eligible for a poverty exemption from property taxes. The proposed policy reflects changes that were recently made to Michigan's General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.1 et.seq., by Public Act 253 of 2020.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Campbell had to leave meeting.

21-027

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Mayor Bowdler, CARRIED to approve Water Department Superintendent Christopher Beaudrie to retire on February 2, 2021 with options from the City to work at the rate of \$36.00 per hour, not to exceed \$60,000 a year.

Yeas: Cooney, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Perry

21-028

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve Notice to amend resolution 20-263 recommending to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that Pearl River, LLC be considered for a liquor license at 10402 W. Jefferson pursuant to MCL 436.1521a (1)(b). The specific authorizing statute was omitted from the previous resolution.

Yeas: Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-029

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Pierce, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to go out for Bid for Construction of a Seawall at Belanger Park. Bids are due February 18, 2021 at 12pm in the City Clerk's Office.

Yeas: Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-030

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve the sale of 215 Haltiner to Blake Purvis for \$500.00 to be owner occupied with conditions suitable to the legal department, No sale for five years, Must be owner occupied, C of O before Occupancy, Stay current on taxes, water and abide by city ordinances. The property was acquired in 2016 from Wayne County at no cost to the City.

Yeas: Cooney, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Perry

Abstain: None

21-031

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve Commissioner Pierce to be the Commissioner of the Boxing Club.

Yeas: Cooney, Perry, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Pierce

21-032

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve checks 72394-72483 plus payments to Automated Benefit Services in the amount of \$3,283.41 plus two payrolls.

Yeas: Cooney, Perry, Pierce (except 72458), Ward (except 72480), Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Pierce on 72458, Ward on 72480

21-033

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Perry, CARRIED to approve Overtime Figures for 01/03/21 thru 01/16/21 in the amount of \$16,280.10.

Yeas: Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-034

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve Overtime Figures for 01/17/21 thru 01/30/21 in the amount of \$19,465.52.

Yeas: Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-035

Moved by Commissioner Perry, supported by Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve a total of 14 Business License.

Yeas: Cooney, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Perry

21-036

Moved by Commissioner Perry, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve 3 Building permits, 1 Electrical permit, 2 Mechanical permits, 2 Plumbing permits for a total of 8 Permits.

Yeas: Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-037

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 P.M.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson - City Clerk

Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy City Clerk