

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN
IN PERSON MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CONFERENCE April 8, 2021**

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:50 P.M.

Present: Cooney, Laginess, Perry, Pierce, Ward

Excused: Campbell, Perry

Absent: None

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

21-079

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve Flea Market to open May 1, 2, and May 8, 9 at Memorial Weekend.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Pierce

Abstain: None

21-080

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Laginess, CARRIED to approve closed session to discuss attorney client privilege.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-081

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to open Council meeting from close session.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-082

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021 Council Meeting.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-083

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve checks 72736-72842 plus payments to Automated Benefit Services in the amount of \$5,865.37 plus two payrolls. Over time Figures for pay period 03/07/2021-03/20/2021 in the amount of \$11,489.09.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce (except 72814), Ward (except 72840), Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Pierce on 72814, Ward on 72729

21-084

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve 7 Building permits, 5 Demolition permits, 8 Electrical permits, 1 Fence permits, 9 Mechanical permits, 5 Plumbing permits, 1 Sign permit for a total of 36 Permits.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-085

Mover by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve business license for Curing Corner (Recreational License), Three C Corporation, River Rouge Pizza Co. DBA Hungry Howies, Andrews Funeral Home, Metro by T-Mobil

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-086

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Laginess, CARRIED to approve to accept bid from International Precast for \$134,000 for Stadium Seating for Bridgepoint View Project at Belanger Park.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-087

Moved by Commissioner Laginess, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to allow Angelique Cooper to use Memorial Park for a Multiple Sclerosis gathering May 15, 2021 10am-4pm.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Pierce

Abstain: None

21-088

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Laginess, CARRIED to approve to pay local community match to The Senior Alliance in the amount of \$793.10.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-089

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve request for Carl Smart to use Belanger Park July11, 2021 for a Car Show.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: Pierce

Abstain: None

21-090

Rescind request for Taste fest. Need letter explaining per Mayor.

21-091

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve to go out to bid for new lights at City Hall, Beechwood Center and Library.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-092

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to budget to hire 2 Public Safety Officers.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-093

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve to amend Marijuana Licensing Ordinance to add 1 Grow License and 1 Processing License.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-094

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve the sale of 14 Neiman a vacant lot, to Hamed Almashhadi owner of Jefferson Quick Lube for the purchase price of \$300.00.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-095

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve the sale of the 39 E. Henry to Freddie Allen Jr. for the purchase price of \$5,150.00.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-096

Moved by Commissioner Ward supported by Commissioner Laginess, CARRIED to approve the sale of vacant lots 37 and 39 Elizabeth to D'Artagnion Burse owner of 35 Elizabeth for the purchase price of \$100.00 each.

Conveyance to be consistent with the requirements of MSHDA.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-097

Moved by Commissioner Ward supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve the sale 15 W. Great Lakes a vacant lot, to Samuel Fuentes owner of 17 W. Great Lakes for the purchase price \$100.00.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-098

Moved by Commissioner Ward supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve the sale of vacant lot 226 Burke to HP Snap, to be combined to 228 Burke. 228 Burke has been renovated and is offered for sale.

Yeas: Cooney, Laginess, Pierce, Ward, Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

21-099

Motion to adjourn at 8:54 P.M.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson - City Clerk

Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy City Clerk