

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN  
IN PERSON MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CONFERENCE August 16, 2022**

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Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Laginess, Holly, Ward

Excused: Pierce

Absent: None

Also Present: Treasurer-Dennis Cora, City Clerk-Patricia Johnson, Assessor- Kameelah Pasha, Legal Counsel-Angela Marrino, Finance Director-Carl Johnson, Public Works Director-William Campbell, Public Safety Director Roberto Cruz.

22-255

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve the minutes for August 4, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-256

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve Kelli Onufrak, Purchasing Director approval for Hennessey Engineers to oversee and move forward with EMERGENCY repairs and/or replacement of air handlers, boiler and hot water tank in City Hall/Police/Fire Departments. Amounts to be determined.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-257

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Mayor Bowdler, CARRIED to approve to accept bid from Construction Management for the Safety Dispatch Center in the amount of \$195,700.00.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-258

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to agree with the Police Officers Union to allow the Public Safety Officers to join the MERS New Defined Benefit Plan.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-259

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve consideration of amendments to the "River Rouge Pollution Prevention Ordinance", as recommended by the City's environmental consultant. The proposed changes reflect updated language consistent with current regulatory definitions and citations.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-260

Moved by Commissioner Laginess, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve Planning Commission's recommendation to *approve* the rezoning request regarding 10406 W. Jefferson, to rezone the property to the Green Overlay District.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-261

Moved by Commissioner Laginess, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve Planning Commission's recommendation to *approve* the rezoning request regarding 10835 W. Jefferson, to rezone the property to the Green Overlay District.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-262

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve Planning Commission's recommendation to *deny* the rezoning request regarding 801 Coolidge, 215 Goodell & 221 Goodell, to rezone the properties to the Green Overlay District.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-263

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve Planning Commission's recommendation to *approve* the rezoning request regarding 14, 16 & 18 E. Cicotte, to rezone the properties from Neighborhood Residential to Commercial.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-264

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Coney, CARRIED to approve to sell the vacant lot at 40 W. Cicotte to the two adjoining owners for \$50.00 each; Star One Management, LLC and Latrice and Antonio English, to be split and combined.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-265

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to sell the vacant lot at 480 Holford to the adjoining homeowner, Martinique House for \$100.00.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-266

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to sell the vacant lot at 296 Haltiner to Troy and Debra Newman, the adjoining homeowner, for \$100.00.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-267

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve to sell the vacant lot at 0 Polk, parcel 50009010084000 to Charlene Wilson. She purchased the two lots on either side from the WCLB. She needs the middle lot for an infill house for her son to build. Price \$100.00.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-268

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve 200 Block of Frazier Block Party August 20, 2022 12pm-10pm and the 500 Block of Holford Block Party September 3, 2022 10am-9pm.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-269

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve Union Second Baptist Church Jazz Festival August 28, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-270

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve request for Backpack Give Away at Beechwood Center, Sponsored by DTE. August 20, 2022 3pm-6pm.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-271

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve current DPW Workers Bobby Betts and Andrew Lucas to become full time employees effective August 21, 2022.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Laginess, Holly, Ward

Nays: None

Abstain: Bowdler

22-272

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Holly, CARRIED to approve to increase Deputy Treasure hours to 40 hours with benefits requested from the City Treasurer.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-273

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve all Non-union personnel will get a 4% increase or one dollar more whichever is greater effective July 3, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-274

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve all employees working for the city that are 18 years or older will receive minimum \$15 per hour effective July 3, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-275

Moved by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve any part time Fireman that does not get Command will get a \$2.00 pay raise.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-276

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve checks 75884-75959.

Yeas: Campbell (except on 75898) Cooney, Laginess, Holly, Ward (except on 75954), Bowdler

Nays: None

Abstain: Campbell on 75898, Ward on 75954

22-277

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve Overtime Figures for 07/31/2022-08/12/2022 in the amount of \$31,071.66.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-278

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve 10 Building permits, 1 Commercial permit, 7 Electrical permits, 3 Fence permit, 8 Mechanical permits and 6 Plumbing permits and for a total of 35 Permits.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-279

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve the Business License for Falklam Locksmith and River Rouge Auto Wash.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Laginess, Holly, Pierce, Ward

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-280

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve River Rouge School District to display Fireworks at the Half Time show on September 1, 2022.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Laginess, Holly, Ward

Nays: None

Abstain: None

22-281

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson - City Clerk

Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy City Clerk