

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN  
IN PERSON MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CONFERENCE June 20, 2023**

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Mayor Campbell in the Chair

Meeting called to order at 7:32 P.M.

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward

Excused: Folks, Pierce

Absent: None

Also Present: City Clerk Patricia Johnson, Deputy Clerk Bridgette Bowdler, Executive Assistant to Mayor Kelli Onufrak, Attorney Elizabeth Cacevic, Dept. of Public Works Assistant Director Michael Bowdler Jr., Public Safety Director Roberto Cruz, Treasurer Michael D. Bowdler, Finance Director Carl Johnson.

23-132

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve Minutes from June 6, 2023.

Yeas: Campbell, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: Cooney

23-133

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve motion to close regular Council Meeting.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-134

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve motion to open Public Hearing for proposed 2023-2024 budget.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-135

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve motion to close public hearing for proposed 2023-2024 budget.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-136

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve motion to open regular Council Meeting.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-137

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve the millage rates for the 2023 tax year.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-138

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve the proposed 2023-2024 budget.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-139

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve the fourth-quarter budget amendment.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-140

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve Equature Service Agreement for Police Department.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-141

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve "Back to School Block Party" Friday August 25, 2023, from 9am to 1pm in front of River Rouge High School.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-142

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve to accept the resignation of Pastor Lovell Cannon Jr. on the Public Safety Committee effective immediately.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-143

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Holly, Commissioner Ward, Mayor Campbell, CARRIED to approve to appoint Robert Hill Sr. to the Public Safety Committee to replace the term of Pastor Lovell Cannon Jr. Term to expire April 2025.

23-144

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to re-appoint Deborah Harper, Percy Pierce, and Sherianne Perkins to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-145

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve to appoint Erinn Greene to the DDA Board, term to expire December 2025.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-146

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Holly, Mayor Campbell, CARRIED to approve to appoint Thomas Glun to the DDA board, term to expire December 2025.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-147

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve to accept the request of the Assistant Superintendent to hire applicant Tisha Shelton as a part-time secretary at the DPW for no more than 25 hours per week at \$15.00/hour.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-148

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to name the corner of Henry and Genessee in Honor of Bella Jane Lane.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-149

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, CARRIED to approve Stoner St. Block Party, June 24, 2023, 10am-10pm.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-150

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve the 100 Block of Maple St. Block Party, July 4, 2023, 10am-10pm.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-151

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve William L. Campbell Back Yard Party July 1, 2023, to use both sides of street for parking.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-152

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve agreement for JB Road Repair to start Durapatcher July 1, 2023, at \$17.00 per gallon.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-153

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to accept the request of Detective Joshua Smith to hire applicant Amari Patterson for part-time Detective Secretary PSA Program (Police Service Aid).

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-154

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, Mayor Campbell, CARRIED to approve checks 77688-77759. Overtime Figures for 06/04/2023-06/17/2023 in the amount of \$26,542.57. BCBS payment in the amount of \$71,681.69.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: Campbell on 77702, 77701, 77689, 77688. Ward on 77758. Mayor Campbell on 77702.

23-155

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve 5 Building Permits, 4 Electrical Permits, and 3 Plumbing Permits for a total of 12 Permits.

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-156

Moved by Mayor Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve the amendment of Proposed Ordinance:

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE  
WAYNE COUNTY, MI  
ORDINANCE NO. ARTICLE 12 SECTION 12.7**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE RIVER ROUGE CITY CODE, ZONING ORDINANCE,  
ARTICLE 12, ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND VIOLATIONS, SECTION 12.7, VI-  
OLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

**Whereas**, the City of River Rouge Zoning Administrator initiated the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance text, as enabled by Sec. 13.1.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, on April 6, 2023;

**Whereas**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendment, in accordance with state law, on April 27, 2023 and recommended approval of the proposed text amendment to the City Council;

**Whereas**, the City Council reviewed the proposed text amendment on June 6, 2023, at the regular meeting of Council;

**Now, therefore, be it ordained** by the River Rouge City Council that the River Rouge Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows:

**ARTICLE I: AMENDMENTS**

12.7.1 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

12.7.1 Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance in any particular, or who fails to comply with any of the regulatory measures or conditions of the Zoning Administrator, Building Official, Planning Commission, or Zoning Board of Appeals adopted pursuant hereto, shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction, and upon a determination of responsibility shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 for each violation. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

12.7.3 Zoning Administrator

The Zoning Administrator, Building Official, or designee, are is hereby designated as the authorized City officials to issue municipal civil infraction citations directing alleged violators of this Ordinance to appear in court.

**ARTICLE II. SEVERABILITY:** Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction or by any agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holding shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be invalid and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of the Ordinance.

**ARTICLE III. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES:** All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of River Rouge inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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William C. Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia Johnson, Clerk

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I, Patricia Johnson, City of River Rouge Clerk, hereby certify as follows:

- A) The above Ordinance was passed by the River Rouge City Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023. A second reading of the ordinance was completed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023. The names of the members voting thereon and how each member voted was as follows:

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

B) A true copy of the above Ordinance was published in the Telegram, a newspaper circulating within the City, on the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_, 2023, and;

C) The effective date of the above Ordinance is the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_ 2023.

RIVER ROUGE CITY COUNCIL

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia Johnson, Clerk

23-157

Moved by Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve the rezoning of 14 Forest St. from neighborhood residential (NR) to Commercial (C).

Yeas: Campbell, Cooney, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE  
WAYNE COUNTY, MI  
ORDINANCE NO. ARTICLE 2 SECTION 2.3**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE RIVER ROUGE CITY CODE, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 2 SECTION 2.3, ZONING MAP, TO REZONE THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14 FOREST STREET FROM NR (NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL) TO C (COMMERCIAL) WITH CONDITIONS.**

**Whereas**, the City of River Rouge received an application for a rezoning from JARS Cannabis, the owner of the property located at 14 Forest Street (Parcel ID #50-004-17-0043-000), dated March 17, 2023, to rezone the subject site from NR (Neighborhood Residential) to C (Commercial);

**Whereas**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the subject application, in accordance with state law, on April 27, 2023 and recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the zoning map, finding that it met the criteria for a rezoning set forth in Sec. 13.1.3(D) of the Zoning Ordinance;

**Whereas**, the Applicant voluntarily offered additional conditions on the rezoning, in writing, dated May 15, 2023; and

**Whereas**, the City Council reviewed the conditional rezoning application on June 6, 2023, at the regular meeting of Council, and determined that it met the criteria for a rezoning set forth in Sec. 13.1.3(D) of the Zoning Ordinance;

**Now, therefore, be it ordained** by the River Rouge City Council that the River Rouge zoning map be amended as follows:

**ARTICLE I: AMENDMENTS:** The City of River Rouge official Zoning Map is amended to rezone 14 Forest Street (PID #50-004-17-0043-000) from the NR district to the C district, on the condition that the Applicant obtain all required local and state approvals, including but not limited to site plan approval, land combination approval, and variance approval, to establish a parking lot on said site, the Applicant complete construction of the parking lot within 12 months of said rezoning approval, and the lot be private for use by the owner only, as offered in the letter from the applicant dated May 15, 2023. Should these conditions fail to be met, the zoning shall revert automatically to the prior designation of NR.

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WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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William C. Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

B) A true copy of the above Ordinance was published in the Telegram, a newspaper circulating within the City, on the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_, 2023, and;

C) The effective date of the above Ordinance is the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_ 2023.

RIVER ROUGE CITY COUNCIL

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia Johnson, Clerk

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Motion to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson - City Clerk

Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy City Clerk