

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN  
IN PERSON MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CONFERENCE July 18, 2023**

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Mayor Campbell in the Chair

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

Present: Campbell, Holly, Folks, Pierce, Ward

Excused: Cooney

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., Safety Director Roberto Cruz, Finance Director Carl Johnson.

23-176

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve Minutes from June 20, 2023.

Yeas: Campbell, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: Folks, Pierce

23-177

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve Minutes from July 5, 2023.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: Holly

23-178

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve the new copier that will be delivered to the copy room in city hall under the State MiDeal agreement in the amount of \$234.64 per month for 60 months.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-179

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve the Senior Alliance 2024 Annual Implementation Plan.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-180

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve FY 2021 Community Match for Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$793.00.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-181

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve FY 2023 Community Match for Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$529.00.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-182

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Folks, CARRIED to approve to appoint Kevin Trigge to the Zoning Board of Appeals term to expire 7/18/26.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-183

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve to appoint Joshua Wheeler to the Zoning Board of Appeals term to expire 7/18/26.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-184

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Folks, CARRIED to approve to change Backpack School Supply: Carnival & Kicks Giveaway to Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9am-9pm.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-185

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve Campbell St. Block Club Party August 19, 2023, 12pm-9pm.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-186

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Folks, CARRIED to approve Union Second Baptist Church Parade and street closure of Beechwood and Hall St. on Monday, July 24, 2023, 5:30pm-9pm.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-187

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Folks, CARRIED to approve True Covenant Church and No Kids Without a Christmas Backpack Drive at True Covenant Church. 200 Genessee St., Sunday, August 27, 2023, 1pm-3pm. Street closure of Genessee between Batavia and Coolidge.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-188

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve to sell the vacant lot at 85 E. Henry to the two adjoining homeowners for \$50.00 each, to be split and combined with their property. Rachele Finney of 87 E. Henry. Amber and Jessie Cagle of 83 E. Henry.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-189

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Folks, CARRIED to approve to sell the vacant lot at 28 Florence to the adjoining homeowner at 26 Florence, Fanjuanita Cerda for \$100.00. The owner of 30 Florence has not responded to a letter, or the email sent regarding splitting the lot.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-190

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve to sell the vacant lot at 24 Myrtle to the sole adjoining homeowner at 30 Myrtle, Francisco Gonzales-Vargas, for \$150.00.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-191

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve to amend the Building Department's building permit fee schedule to add "outside consultant fee (plan review/inspection/engineering/environmental/administration/special inspection/etc.): Actual cost + 25%."

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-192

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Pierce, CARRIED to approve to amend the Building Department's demolition permit fee schedule to add "outside consultant fee (plan review/inspection/engineering/environmental/administration/Special inspection/etc.): Actual cost + 25%."

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-193

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve to go out to bid for the management and execution of the demolition permit proves for the anticipated demolition of the DTE River Rouge Power Plant to include administration of application, plan review, inspections, recommendation pertaining to permit issuance and close out.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-194

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve checks 77839-77838. Overtime Figures for 07/01/2023-07/15/2023 in the amount of \$23,029.94. BCBS payment in the amount of \$71,785.87.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: Campbell on 77854, 77855, 77856. Ward on 77899. Mayor Campbell on 77854, 77856.

23-195

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve 7 Building Permits, 3 Electrical Permits, and 2 Fence Permits, 3 Flat Work Permit, 3 Mechanical Permits, and 2 Plumbing Permits for a total of 20 Permits.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-196

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve Business License for Sticky River Rouge.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-197

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve 3 officers for background check to hire per Public Safety Director Cruz.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-198

Moved by Mayor Campbell, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve the use of Memorial Park by Wilbert Fils-Aime the RR High School soccer coach to run River Rouge's soccer program this summer. Starting Wednesday, July 19. The program will run on Wednesday's from 6pm-7pm and Saturday's from 10am-11:30am. Also, to approve the city to pay \$250.00 towards equipment for the program when receipts are turned in for the supplies purchased.

Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward, Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

23-199

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 P.M.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson - City Clerk

Bridgette Bowdler- Deputy City Clerk