

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN
IN PERSON MEETING THE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 21, 2025**

Mayor Campbell in the Chair Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.
Present: Folks, Holly, Pierce and Ward
Excused: Campbell, Cooney
Absent: None

Also Present: Patricia H. Johnson City Clerk, Elizabeth Cacevic City Attorney,
Michael Bowdler Jr. Dept of Public Works Assistant Director, Sotirios Arapakis
Acting Public Safety Director, Kevin Trigge Constable and Melissa Collins Water
Department

25-011

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Folks, **CARRIED** to
approve January 7, 2025, regular Council meeting minutes.
Yeas: Folks, Holly, Ward and Mayor Campbell
Nays: None
Abstain: Pierce

25-012

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Folks, **CARRIED** to
approve the emergency purchase for the DPW to not exceed Twenty-Five
Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for a used truck fully equipped with a salt spreader,
plow and separately a mobile salt spreader.
Yeas: Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward and Mayor Campbell
Nays: None
Abstain: None

25-013

Moved by Commissioner Folks, Supported by Commissioner Ward, **CARRIED** to
approve and allow the Senior Center to take seniors to local markets no more than
a 20-mile radius on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.
Yeas: Folks, Holly, Pierce, Ward and Mayor Campbell
Nays: None
Abstain: None

25-014

Moved by Commissioner Ward, Supported by Commissioner Pierce **CARRIED** to approve payment enclosed invoice from Oakland Community College issued to the police department for Advance Police Training Tuition in the amount of \$3,194.72.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-015

Moved by Commissioner Ward, Supported by Commissioner Folks, **CARRIED** to authorize the hiring of Officer Stephanie Marie Guthard and to authorize the payment of the new hire signing bonus to Officer Guthard based upon four to seven years of completed police service. This payment shall be subject to the completion of the contract signing bonus. Further, pursuant to the terms of the 2022 Tentative Agreement, Officer Guthard shall be placed at the top wage rate for non-fire qualified public service officers. Officer Guthard's start date is February 7, 2025, subject to the confirmation of the Public Safety Commission.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-016

Moved by Commissioner Ward, Supported by Mayor Campbell, **CARRIED** to Approve the hiring of Dashawn Mintz as a full-time Public Safety Officer subject to the confirmation of the Public Safety Commission.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-017

Moved by Commissioner Ward, Supported by Commissioner Pierce, **CARRIED** to approve Mayor William L. Campbell to execute the enclosed agreement with CallHarbor. The agreement is \$964.80 monthly for a term of 36 months for the City's phone and eFax system.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-018

Moved by Commissioner Ward, Supported by Commissioner Folks, **CARRIED** to approve the conveyance of the vacant lot at 112 Pine to Bridgette Bowdler, the homeowner of 110 Pine Street for \$100.00.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-019

Moved by Commissioner Ward, Supported by Folks, **CARRIED** to schedule a public hearing at the February 18, 2025, City Council meeting, to review the 2025-2029 City of River Rouge Parks and Recreation Plan. Following the public hearing, the City Council will review a resolution for adoption of the 2025-2029 City of River Rouge Parks and Recreation Plan. This public hearing will follow the public draft period review that was opened December 6, 2024, through January 7, 2025

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-020

Moved by Commissioner Pierce, Supported by Commissioner Ward, **CARRIED** to approve the General Fund checks #81005-81076 in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy-three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Six dollars and Ninety-four cents (\$373,366.94) and overtime figures from 12/15/2024 thru 12/28/2024 in the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Nine dollars and Sixty Seven cents (\$23,479.67), and to approve BCBS invoice #198601146 for One Hundred Sixty Thousand and One Hundred Fifty-Four dollars and Fifty-eight cents (\$160,154.58)

Yeas: Folks, Holly, Ward, and Mayor Campbell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-021

Moved by Commissioner Ward, Supported by Commissioner Pierce, **CARRIED** to approve Eleven (11) Building Permits

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-022

Moved by Mayor Campbell, Supported by Commissioner Pierce, **CARRIED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Patricia H. Johnson – City Clerk