

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

Mayor Campbell in the Chair Meeting called to order at 7:37 P.M.
Present: Campbell, Folks, Green, Holly, Ward
Excused: None
Absent: None

Also Present: Patricia H. Johnson City Clerk, Elizabeth Cacevic Attorney, Michael Bowdler Jr. Dept. of Public Works Assistant Director, Carl Johnson Finance Director, Jenee Hill Executive Assistant to Mayor, Melissa Collins Water Dept., Michael Bowdler Sr. Treasurer, Kevin Trigge Constable

25-268

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward,
CARRIED to approve October 21, 2025, regular meeting minutes.
Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Green, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell
Nays: None
Abstain: None

25-269

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Folks,
CARRIED to convey the vacant lot at 208 Summit to Ezequiel Candanedo, the owner of 204 and 206 Summit; the owner of 212 Summit has a double lot also and is not interested in half of the lot.
Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Green, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell
Nays: None
Abstain: None

25-270

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell,
CARRIED to approve payment of the enclosed invoice to the Downriver Community Conference for 2025-2026 Membership Dues in the amount of \$5,795.72.
Yeas: Campbell, Folks, Green, Holly, Ward, Mayor Campbell
Nays: None
Abstain: None

25-271

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to approve payment of the enclosed invoice to the Downriver Community Conference for 2025-2026 annual dues for Downriver Mutual Aid in the amount of \$12,866.51.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-272

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Folks, CARRIED to approve the proposed pay increase of \$3.00 per hour for Melissa Collins, Assistant Water Superintendent effective November 2, 2025.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-273

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Folks, CARRIED to approve No Kids without Christmas to use the River Rouge Fire Station for Kids winter Coat, Hat & Glove giveaway on Sunday, November 16, 2025, from 12pm-3pm.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-274

Moved by Commissioner Green, supported by Commissioner Campbell, CARRIED to consider FOIA Appeal a resolution to DENY the FOIA Appeal received requesting “the police records and video interviews for accused murder Efrain Medina, who has been charged with killing Natalie Ramstrom” at the recommendation of Assistant City Attorney Peggy Madden Pursuant to MCL15.243 (1)(b)(i) and (ii) investigating records compiled for law enforcement purposes are exempt from disclosure if the release of the information would interfere with law enforcement proceedings and/or deprive a person of the right to a fair trial or impartial administrative adjudication. The case has not been adjudicated; thus, the denial response from the FOIA Coordinator was accurate.

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None

25-275

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to authorize the City Treasurer to open a bank account at One Detroit Credit Union and approve the following three signers on the account: Michael Bowdler Sr., City Treasurer and Kim Kaschync, Deputy Treasurer and Mayor William L Campbell.

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

Nays: None

Abstain:

25-276

Moved by Commissioner Green, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve the enclosed contract amendment from WSP regarding River Rouge Memorial Park Facilities Improvement Project, Contract #20204US338017, which increases the scope and cost of the original contract and authorizes Mayor William L. Campbell to execute the contract amendment.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-277

Moved by Commissioner Green, supported by Commissioner Ward, CARRIED to approve General Fund checks (82767-82853) in the amount of \$152,773.44 and overtime figures for the pay period 10/05/2025 through 10/18/2025 in the amount of \$15,266.35.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Ward 82853

25-278

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Green, CARRIED to approve 33 Building Permits.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

25-279

Moved by Commissioner Ward, supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve the Transfer of 1 Recreational Retail marijuana business license from Royal Highness PC2 LLC “dba” Herbology Cannabis Co Express located at 261 Burke to Joe’s Green Thumb LLC d/b/a Blazin Budz. The approval is conditioned upon the applicant obtaining a sales inspection, certificate of occupancy, and complying with all applicable ordinances, statutes, rules, and regulations including, but limited to, obtaining state licensure to operate at the proposed location.

25-280

Moved by Mayor Campbell, supported by all Commissioners, CARRIED to adjourn the meeting 8:37pm.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson- City Clerk