



**PONTIAC CITY COUNCIL
FORMAL MEETING**

August 10, 2017

6:00 P.M.

201st Session of the 9th Council

It is this Council's mission "To serve the citizens of Pontiac by committing to help provide an enhanced quality of life for its residents, fostering the vision of a family-friendly community that is a great place to live, work and play."

Call to order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Authorization to excuse councilmembers

Amendments to and Approve the Agenda

Approval of the minutes

1. August 3, 2017

Deputy Mayor Report or Departmental Head Reports

Consent Agenda

2. Resolution for Maggie J. Bilbo.
3. Resolution for Frank Benion Jr.
4. Resolution for Donnie F. Benion.
5. Resolution for Rev. Robert E. Bailey I.

Public Hearing

6. Sale of vacant parcel #14-29-306-014 on Henderson.
7. Resolution to accept offer from Re-root Pontiac to purchase parcel #14-29-306-014.
8. Sale of vacant parcel #14-33-453-028.
9. Resolution to accept offer from Meqqa Washington to purchase parcel #14-33-453-028.
10. Sale of vacant parcel #14-28-482-009.
11. Resolution to accept the offer from Patrick Zeelie to purchase parcel #14-28-482-009.
12. Sale of vacant parcel #14-32-107-040.
13. Resolution to accept the offer from Diane Abigail Platero-Lopez to purchase parcel #14-32-107-040.

Agenda Items for Consideration.

14. Resolution for Street Name Change.

Public Comment

Mayor Report

Council Closing Comments

Adjournment

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**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
200th Session of the Ninth Council**

A Study Session of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. by the President Patrice Waterman.

Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Carter, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Woodward.

Members Absent: Holland and Williams.

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

17-255 **Excuse Councilperson Mark Holland and Kermit Williams for personal reasons.**
Moved by Councilperson Pietila and supported by Councilperson Woodward.

Ayes: Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Woodward and Carter.

No: None

Motion Carried.

17-256 **Approval of the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and supported by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Woodward and Carter.

No: None

Motion Carried.

17-257 **Journal of July 27, 2017.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and supported by Councilperson Woodward.

Ayes: Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Woodward, Carter and Pietila.

No: None

Motion Carried.

There were 25 individuals who addressed the body during public comment.

17-258 **Public hearing was scheduled for the Sale of Vacant Parcel #14-29-306-014 on Henderson.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and supported by Councilperson Woodward.

Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant lot for August 13, 2017.

Ayes: Waterman, Woodward, Carter, Pietila and Taylor-Burks

No: None

Resolution Passed.

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17-259 **Public hearing was scheduled for the Sale of Vacant Parcel #14-33-453-028.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and supported by Councilperson Woodward.

Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant lot for August 13, 2017.

Ayes: Waterman, Woodward, Carter, Pietila and Taylor-Burks

No: None

Resolution Passed.

17-260 **Public hearing was scheduled for the Sale of Vacant Parcel #14-28-482-009.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and supported by Councilperson Woodward.

Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant lot for August 13, 2017.

Ayes: Waterman, Woodward, Carter, Pietila and Taylor-Burks

No: None

Resolution Passed.

17-261 **Public hearing was scheduled for the Sale of Vacant Parcel #14-32-107-040.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and supported by Councilperson Woodward.

Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant lot for August 13, 2017.

Ayes: Waterman, Woodward, Carter, Pietila and Taylor-Burks

No: None

Resolution Passed.

17-262 **Resolution for Pontiac SUN Time Bank.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and supported by Councilperson Woodward.

WHEREAS, Historically, Pontiac is the birthplace of the General Motors automobile manufacturing plants; and,

WHEREAS, increased automation in manufacturing and a trend towards globalization, beginning in the 1970's left many blue-collar laborers without work; and,

WHEREAS, due to an exodus of the automobile industry, the City of Pontiac has experienced significant economic decline; and,

WHEREAS, without sustainable jobs and income, health care and services had become harder to afford and access; and,

WHEREAS, resources for the people of Pontiac were further reduced by the enactment of drastic austerity measures brought about by an appointed emergency manager; and,

WHEREAS, while initiatives have been taken to address health inequities in marginalized communities, there is still a lack of equitable access and affordability in health and human services in areas such as Pontiac; and,

WHEREAS, the priority for Pontiac residents might not be direct services; it could be a single mother relying on a fellow community member to drive her and her child to the doctor's office, it could include rescuing elderly members of the community from the clutches of social isolation and depression and

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enhancing their mental well-being, it could mean strengthening the bonds that hold the Pontiac community together, one hour at a time; and,

WHEREAS, the Sun TimeBank has the ability to help bridge the disparity in health and human services and promote mental well-being in the City of Pontiac; and,

WHEREAS, the Sun TimeBank operates under five core values; assets, redefining work, reciprocity, social networks and respect,

WHEREAS, the Sun TimeBank hosts free community healthy living classes and social events that broker skilled exchanges between community members of various cultures; and,

WHEREAS, the capacity building and the community involvement encourages the forging of relationships and stimulates social capital and investment in the Pontiac Community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Pontiac City Council on behalf of the citizens of Pontiac, recognize and graciously thank the Pontiac Sun Time Bank for providing a valued and remarkable service and for enriching the lives of families and individuals in our community.

Ayes: Woodward, Carter, Pietila, Taylor-Burks and Waterman

No: None

Resolution Passed.

17-263 **Resolution Establishing a Temporary Permit-Only Parking Zone.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and supported by Councilperson Woodward.

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2017, M1 Concourse, in conjunction with the City of Pontiac during Pontiac Power Week, will be hosting a variety of events, including Roadkill Nights, powered by Dodge.

WHEREAS, the City has met with and heard the concerns of the citizens who will be impacted by this event and wants to ensure that the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhoods impacted by these events will not suffer;

WHEREAS, the City has identified certain streets in the area of M1 Concourse, and has designated this area, as shown on the attached map, as a temporary special event area;

WHEREAS, the City desires to regulate parking during the dates and times of 6 am to midnight, for the purpose of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens. During this time of regulation, parking in the street in the temporary special event area will be by permit only. Permits will be provided to the residents of the temporary special event area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City hereby declares a temporary special event area in the area shown in the attached map;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the time of 6am to midnight, parking on the street in the temporary special event area will be by permit only;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City shall, at least 72 hours prior to the event, place signs at each intersection of the affected streets, providing information regarding the dates and times where permit-only parking shall be in effect and where the citizens may address any questions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City shall provide two parking permits for each residence in the temporary special event area, upon request of the owner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland County Sheriff, as the law enforcement agency for the City, shall enforce the permit-only parking pursuant to this Resolution.

Ayes: Woodward, Carter, Pietila, Taylor-Burks and Waterman

No: None

Resolution Passed.

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President Patrice Waterman adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

SHERIKIA L. HAWKINS
CITY CLERK

DRAFT

City of Pontiac Resolution Honoring Maggie J. Bilbo

WHEREAS, The Pontiac City Council celebrates the gift of life and those who live life abundantly and whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity; and,

WHEREAS, Maggie J. Bilbo was born Maggie Jean Crockett on August 23, 1932 in Duck Hill Mississippi to the union of Grant Crockett and Jimmie Nash; and,

WHEREAS, the Lord blessed Maggie J. Bilbo with eight healthy God fearing children; and,

WHEREAS, Maggie J. Bilbo raised her children under the watchful eye of the Lord in New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, Maggie J. Bilbo, a loyal and devoted member of New Hope, served on numerous boards, committees and groups for over 60 years and was committed to both the choir and usher board; and,

WHEREAS, Maggie J. Bilbo faithfully worked for Oakland County for over 20 years until retirement; and,

WHEREAS, Maggie J. Bilbo propelled by an entrepreneurial spirit, successfully developed and maintained several businesses in Pontiac, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, Maggie J. Bilbo is an inspiration and role model, as she was instrumental in organizing community block clubs in District 1 and selflessly volunteered as a polling site worker for Pontiac Elections for over 25 years; and,

WHEREAS, Maggie J. Bilbo truly embodies faith, humility and service to others and her legacy of unconditional love has been imparted to her children, Betty Calvi, Jerell, Mary, Steve, Edward, Grant and Shirley; grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family, friends and the Pontiac community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the City Council express their deepest gratitude an appreciation to Maggie J. Bilbo, for her service to the community.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we the members of the Pontiac City Council on behalf of the citizens of Pontiac, recognize with great pride and dignity and salute a radiant and rare gem, Maggie J Bilbo as she is honored on her birthday, August 23, 2017 for the blessing that she has been to her family and friends for 85 years of life, "Happy Birthday Ms. Maggie J. Bilbo."

Patrice Waterman, President

Mary Pietila, Pro-Tem

Don Woodward, Councilman

Randolph Carter, Councilman

Mark E. Holland, Sr., Councilman

Doris Taylor-Burks, Councilwoman

Kermit Williams, Councilman

City of Pontiac Resolution for Frank Benion Jr.

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2017, West Manor Apartments, a senior living facility on the 200 block of S. Paddock St. caught fire and instinctively and without hesitation, Frank Benion Jr. took action to aid, rescue and ultimately save the lives of many of the seniors from the burning building; and,

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this body to pay proper tribute to individuals of great character and whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Benion Jr. is a native of Pontiac, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Benion Jr. is a graduate of Pontiac Northern High School; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Benion Jr. is the son of the late Frank and Lugenia Benion and is the third oldest of six children; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Benion Jr., a loyal employee with professional integrity, retired from Oakland County after 26 years; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Benion Jr. currently holds the position of Executive Director for Friends Assisting in Recovery, Inc., a non-profit organization in Oakland County with 32 years of service which supports individuals who are clinically diagnosed with mental disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Benion Jr. is committed and dedicated to the community, serving for 22 years as a sports official for youth and high school leagues and as a mentor; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Benion Jr. and his siblings are guided by what they were taught at an early age, "we are here to serve one another in any capacity, for was there not for the Grace of God, go I."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of the Pontiac City Council on behalf of the citizens of Pontiac, recognize and salute Frank Benion Jr. for his contributions of leadership, selflessness, and heroism to the community.

Patrice Waterman, President

Mary Pietila, Pro-Tem

Don Woodward, Councilman

Randolph Carter, Councilman

Mark E. Holland, Sr., Councilman

Doris Taylor-Burks, Councilwoman

Kermit Williams, Councilman

City of Pontiac Resolution for Donnie F. Benion

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2017, West Manor Apartments, a senior living facility on the 200 block of S. Paddock St. caught fire and instinctively and without hesitation, Donnie F. Benion took action to aid, rescue and ultimately save the lives of many of the seniors from the burning building; and,

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this body to pay proper tribute to individuals of great character and whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity; and,

WHEREAS, Donnie F. Benion is a native of Pontiac, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, athletic at an early age, Donnie F. Benion played sports at every school he attended, including Bagley and McConnell Elementary, Eastern Jr. High and Pontiac Central High School, where he was a member of the 1970 basketball team; and,

WHEREAS, Donnie F. Benion is the eldest son of Frank and Lugenia Benion and has five siblings, Debra, Frank, Harry, Marcy and Yvette; and,

WHEREAS, Donnie F. Benion has been married to Janet for 18 years, and they have five children, two boys and three girls; and,

WHEREAS, Donnie F. Benion obtained his Associate Degree from Alpena Community College; and,

WHEREAS, Donnie F. Benion was formerly employed by the City of Pontiac as a Sanitations and Community Housing Inspector and as an Animal Control Officer with the Police Department, and is currently employed with Lawrence Transportations; and,

WHEREAS, Donnie F. Benion is a devoted and faithful member of Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Robert Martin is the minister; he serves as an Associate Minister and as an Associate Sunday School Superintendent Youth Minister Teaching School.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of the Pontiac City Council on behalf of the citizens of Pontiac, recognize and salute Donnie F. Benion for his contributions of leadership, selflessness, and heroism to the community.

Patrice Waterman, President

Mary Pietila, Pro-Tem

Don Woodward, Councilman

Randolph Carter, Councilman

Mark E. Holland, Sr., Councilman

Doris Taylor-Burks, Councilwoman

Kermit Williams, Councilman

City of Pontiac Resolution for Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this body to pay proper tribute to individuals of great character and whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity; and,

WHEREAS, It is feelings of the deepest regret that the Pontiac City Council mourns the passing of Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I, a giving and devoted member of this community; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I, died on July 24, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I was a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, obtained his license to preach the Gospel in 1960 and became ordained in 1968; and,

WHEREAS, prior to settling in Pontiac, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I served at the historic Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit for three years as Chief Executive of Administration, Rev. Frederick G. Sampson II was the pastor; and,

WHEREAS, on January 24, 1975, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I was called to pastor at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan and discovered a floundering congregation, but his belief that God will never leave or forsake him allowed him to persevere and overcome the many challenges that were before him as he led the body of baptized believers in Christ on the path of righteousness; and,

WHEREAS, In 1975, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I was selected as an instructor in the Wolverine State Congress of Christian Education and a year later, selected as a division lecturer in the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I was truly a trailblazer as he served as a moderator of the Crystal Lake Missionary Baptist District Association for 14 years and was the first person to hold that position. Throughout most of those years, he was a lecturer for the Chrystal Lake Missionary Baptist District Congress of Christian Education; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I was elected vice president of the Wolverine Missionary Baptist State Convention in 1985, served in that position for six years and was appointed by former Governor Blanchard to serve on the (Michigan) State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, he served for two years; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I, committed and dedicated to his teaching, journeyed to Africa to preach the Word of God to his African brothers and sisters in Liberia and Sierre Leone and is therefore, known as a pastor, preacher and teacher throughout the United States and the continent of Africa; and,

WHEREAS, during the tenure of Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I, the congregation purchased a concert patio, new vans for the church's bus ministry, 40 sections of land and a multi-million dollar sanctuary. In addition, an educational facility and multi-level, multi-million-dollar Family Life Center adjacent to the present church facility were planned and constructed; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I had a profound and lasting impact on Trinity as the congregation grew from approximately 35 to 2,400, many of the church's auxiliaries were revitalized, new groups are organized to train and prepare the membership for Christian service and the continued growth in membership has led to a continuous need to increase the church facilities and assets; and,

WHEREAS, in 1988, the Trinity Child Development Center was opened, in September 1991 the Trinity Christian Academy began for kindergarten and first grade students and in 1992, a curriculum for second graders was added; and,

WHEREAS, in 2005 and after 30 years of service, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I retired from pastoring at Trinity; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I as his life was a portrait of service, a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all those whose lives he touched; we give our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Rev. Dr. Robert E. Bailey I.

Patrice Waterman, President

Mary Pietila, Pro-Tem

Don Woodward, Councilman

Randolph Carter, Councilman

Mark E. Holland, Sr., Councilman

Doris Taylor-Burks, Councilwoman

Kermit Williams, Councilman



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Memorandum

To: Honorable City Council

From: Garland S. Doyle, M.P.A., CNP, Deputy Director, Community Development Department

Thru: Jane Bais-DiSessa, Deputy Mayor

Date: July 31, 2017

Re: Sale of Vacant Land Parcel 14-29-306-014

The City has received an offer from Reroot Pontiac, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to purchase a vacant lot for \$150.00. Parcel #14-29-306-014 is 0.17 acres of land located on Henderson. The proposed sale was discussed at the City Council Real Estate Committee on July 25, 2017.

In accordance with Chapter 3.1113 of the City Charter, we are requesting that your Honorable Body schedule a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant land.

Subsequently, City Council may consider Reroot Pontiac offer to purchase parcel #14-29-306-014.

Since this Agreement will have a benefit to the City, I am recommending that the City Council pass the following two resolutions:

Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant lot for August 13, 2017.

After the City Council public hearing:

City Council accepts the offer from Reroot Pontiac for \$150.00 to purchase parcel #14-29-306-014.

Be it further resolved that the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the sell.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Memorandum

To: Honorable City Council

From: Garland S. Doyle, M.P.A., CNP, Deputy Director, Community Development Department

Thru: Jane Bais-DiSessa, Deputy Mayor

Date: July 31, 2017

Re: Sale of Vacant Land Parcel 14-33-453-028

The City has received an offer from Meqqa Washington to purchase a vacant lot for \$150.00. Parcel #14-33-453-028 is 0.13 acres of land located on Central Ave. Ms. Washington is an adjacent property owner. The proposed sale was discussed at the City Council Real Estate Committee on July 25, 2017.

In accordance with Chapter 3.1113 of the City Charter, we are requesting that your Honorable Body schedule a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant land.

Subsequently, City Council may consider Meqqa Washington offer to purchase parcel #14-33-453-028.

Since this Agreement will have a benefit to the City, I am recommending that the City Council pass the following two resolutions:

Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant lot for August 13, 2017.

After the City Council public hearing:

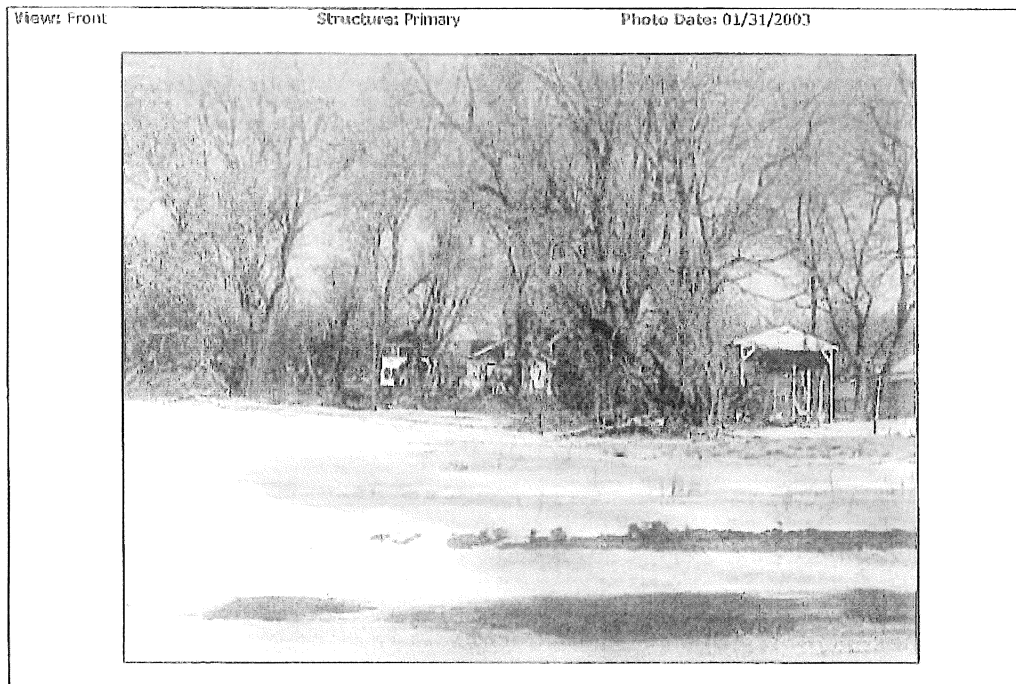
City Council accepts the offer from Meqqa Washington for \$150.00 to purchase parcel #14-33-453-028.

Be it further resolved that the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the sell.



City of Pontiac (64) 14-33-453-028 Active

Print Date: Date





DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Memorandum

To: Honorable City Council

From: Garland S. Doyle, M.P.A., CNP, Deputy Director, Community Development Department

Thru: Jane Bais-DiSessa, Deputy Mayor

Date: July 31, 2017

Re: Sale of Vacant Land Parcel 14-28-482-009

The City has received an offer from Patrick Zeelie to purchase a vacant lot for \$150.00. Parcel #14-28-482-009 is located on S Edith. Mr. Zeelie is a neighboring property owner. The proposed sale was discussed at the City Council Real Estate Committee on July 25, 2017.

In accordance with Chapter 3.1113 of the City Charter, we are requesting that your Honorable Body schedule a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant land.

Subsequently, City Council may consider Patrick Zeelie offer to purchase parcel #14-28-482-009.

Since this Agreement will have a benefit to the City, I am recommending that the City Council pass the following two resolutions:

Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant lot for August 13, 2017.

After the City Council public hearing:

City Council accepts the offer from Patrick Zeelie for \$150.00 to purchase parcel #14-28-482-009.

Be it further resolved that the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the sell.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Memorandum

To: Honorable City Council

From: Garland S. Doyle, M.P.A., CNP, Deputy Director, Community Development Department

Thru: Jane Bais-DiSessa, Deputy Mayor

Date: July 31, 2017

Re: Sale of Vacant Land Parcel 14-32-107-040

The City has received an offer from Diane Abigail Platero-Lopez to purchase a vacant lot for \$150.00. Parcel #14-32-107-040 is located on Stout. Ms. Platero-Lopez is a neighboring property owner. The proposed sale was discussed at the City Council Real Estate Committee on July 25, 2017.

In accordance with Chapter 3.1113 of the City Charter, we are requesting that your Honorable Body schedule a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant land.

Subsequently, City Council may consider Platero-Lopez offer to purchase parcel #14-32-107-040.

Since this Agreement will have a benefit to the City, I am recommending that the City Council pass the following two resolutions:

Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a public hearing on the offer to purchase vacant lot for August 13, 2017.

After the City Council public hearing:

City Council accepts the offer from Diane Abigail Platero-Lopez for \$150.00 to purchase parcel #14-32-107-040.

Be it further resolved that the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the sell.

Map for Gerland Doyle

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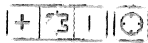
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Owner Name 1: CITY OF PONTIAC
Owner Name 2:
Owner Address: 47450 WOODWARD
AVE PONTIAC MI 48342-5009

Building: 01111004
Unit: 01111004

Use Code: RV
Use Description: RESIDENTIAL
VACANT

Class Code: 402
Class Description: RES VAC
(INCLUDES PRIOR SV-SUBURBAN VAC
& MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPT)

Source: OC Direction

City of Pontiac Resolution to rename Motor Street to Bobby Kaiser Street

- WHEREAS,** Bobby Kaiser was as a mentor, role model, and community leader who elevated and inspired many and whose contributions to the community were profound; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bobby Kaiser dedicated over 50 years, serving African-American males in the community as he operated the Jefferson Center on Motor Street from 4:00 p.m. until as late as 11:00 p.m. while also working at the GM plant for over 30 of those years from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bobby Kaiser was known by many as a “Community Father” as he spent decades assuming the role as a father-figure for many African-American males on the Southside who he knew were without a father, neglected, rejected and in a situation that appeared to be bleak; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bobby Kaiser championed for decades to have the Jefferson Jr. High school gym designated as the Southside Community Center; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Jefferson Center became a refuge for young men that were from dysfunctional homes or who wanted to escape the negative influences of the streets; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bobby Kaiser counseled young men, instilled pride and encouraged them to rise above the negative activity and also initiated peace accords between gang rivals in the neighborhoods; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bobby Kaiser advocated for summer jobs for African-American youth at Jefferson and encouraged many young men to become employed, serve in the armed forces, pursue athletics in college and obtain college degrees; and
- WHEREAS,** Bobby Kaiser was responsible for teaching members of the Pontiac Capparels basketball team self-determination and through fund raising efforts, was able to expose the young men to sights outside of Pontiac and ultimately travel to other cities as well as Canada; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bobby Kaiser was influential in both Pinklon Thomas becoming a World Heavy Weight Boxing Champion and in the Russell Brothers (Frank, Campy and Walker D) becoming professional NBA basketball players;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the Pontiac City Council recognize the outstanding service, dedication and commitment of Bobby Kaiser, whose leadership, selflessness and commitment to strengthening the community are monumental.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Pontiac City Council hereby rename Motor Street on the Southside to Bobby Kaiser Street.

Patrice Waterman, President

Mary Pietila, Pro-Tem

Don Woodward, Councilman

Randolph Carter, Councilman

Mark E. Holland, Sr., Councilman

Doris Taylor-Burks, Councilwoman

Kermit Williams, Councilman